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AC Transit hears pleas of Albany merchants

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A bus stop will likely be moved about one block north from its current location at San Pablo and Solano avenues to San Pablo and Washington avenues as a concession by AC Transit to business owners in the area.

Another bus stop just across the street on San Pablo faces an uncertain future as business owners there want it moved farther south than planned.

AC Transit's effort to get approval from the city to move two bus stops on San Pablo near Solano avenues just across the street, farther north and farther south, respectively, has met resistance from merchants at the corner who complained that moving the stops in front of their locations would result in lost business.

The transit district is working on a "rapid" bus system intended to make fewer stops and bring riders to their destinations 20 to 25 percent faster on a 16-mile route along San Pablo Avenue from Oakland to Richmond.

AC Transit needed to move the bus stops to the far side of the respective traffic signals at San Pablo and Solano avenues, so buses can hit fewer green lights.

The city's traffic and safety commission asked AC Transit to move the bus stops farther north and south than what the district wanted.

On the east side of Solano Avenue, AC Transit officials agreed to move the bus stop farther north to the corner of San Pablo and Washington avenues.

On the west side, AC Transit officials are still looking at moving the bus stop south from in front of the Ivy Room just across Solano Avenue to Subway Sandwiches and removing a bus stop on the south side of Solano Avenue, to accommodate the business owners' wish to keep parking nearby.

"They (traffic and safety commission members) don't want to lose anymore parking than they've already lost," said Ann

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LOOKING DOWN onto El Cerrito Plaza from Albany Hill offers a bird's eye view of the layout some shoppers find frustrating.

Mixed reviews for renewed plaza

Many see the center as a success commercially but a disappointment aesthetically

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Berkeley resident Angela Livingston heard about El Cerrito Plaza from two friends, who gushed about the new stores and plenty of parking. Livingston, having some business to take care of in north Berkeley one day, drove in her dark green mini-van to check out the plaza in the late afternoon.

"She loved it, and planned to come back."

"Is that a Starbucks inside Albertsons?" Livingston asked, walking over to the entrance of the supermarket. "Oh, it's like

I've died and gone to heaven." By nearly all accounts, the revitalized El Cerrito Plaza, at San Pablo and Fairmount avenues, is a smash success, with residents from El Cerrito and surrounding cities flocking there to take advantage of its eclectic mix of stores.

Stores include Albertsons, Barnes & Noble, Pet Co., Ross, and Pier 1. There are also plenty of restaurants and cafes, including Rubio's Baja Grill, Chef's Chinese Food and Starbucks; and services like Mailboxes Etc. and PureBeauty hair salon.

For much of the 1990s, the plaza was a run-down shopping center with little more than a vacant department store and a Woolworth's. Now it's generating an estimated \$400,000 in additional sales-tax revenue for the city.

But it's not perfect. The stores are spread out, making it inconvenient for pedestrians to walk from one end to the other. The car-oriented plaza is a sea of asphalt parking lots encircled by big-box chain stores.

"What I don't like about them (chain stores) is, they homogenize commercial life, not just in El Cerrito, but throughout the nation," said Councilman Mark Friedman. "You can drive down San Pablo and it's like driving down any street in the nation. . . . You lose the sense of character of place which is partly created by commercial establishments in the community because they're all the same."

For Friedman and many others, however, any aesthetic or design concerns are far outweighed by the plaza's success.

"I'm thrilled, I think it shows

there was an unmet demand," said City Manager Scott Hanin. "I go to restaurants at lunch and dinner and they're all doing well. Business owners are saying business is equal to or better than expected. Maybe some people don't like the design, but it seems to be meeting a need."

A shopping hub

The plaza was originally a Spanish land-grant rancho, then took on other uses, including a 3,000-seat stadium for greyhound racing in the mid-1930s and a drive-in movie theater after World War II. It became a shopping hub for the region in the 1950s, but fell on hard times three decades later.

By the mid-1990s the plaza was two-thirds empty. Projects were proposed for the plaza since the early 1980s, but nothing got

off the ground and residents were depressed that what had once been a thriving retail center had become blighted, according to Mayor Janet Abelson. "It was becoming more and more like a ghost town," Friedman added. "So there was a lot of desire on the part of people in town and people in the council to upgrade it."

The City Council, acting as the city's Redevelopment Agency, wanted to revitalize the plaza and selected Wilton-Terranomics in the mid-1990s to come up with a plan that would mix retail, housing and office uses there. But citing financial problems, the developer backed out.

The redevelopment agency, running into its own financial problems, threw up its hands and

Creek restoration delayed one year

 By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A plan by G&E to move five utility poles on the south side of El Cerrito Plaza will delay an effort to re-align and restore the Cerrito Creek there for one year.

The city has been working to restore and realign the Cerrito Creek for several years, as part of a plan to create a trail that

would connect the Ohlone Greenway and the Bay Trail.

Susan Schwartz, president of Friends of Five Creeks, said the delay was a disappointment but would give the group time to work on restoring a creek near Pacific East Mall in Richmond.

"I'm a little bit disappointed, but almost nothing happens on time," Schwartz said. "It was a tight schedule. I'm not worried

that the project won't get done."

The Friends of Five Creeks is a creek advocacy group working with the city to restore and "day-light" — or move above ground — the creek, beginning with the section next to El Cerrito Plaza.

Earlier this year, the city was handed the ownership of the creek and land on each side. A

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Driver in fatal April crash won't be charged

Prosecutor says adults in the accident suffered enough after a boy in the car died from head trauma

 By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

The Richmond woman at the wheel of a sport utility vehicle that overturned April 1 on Inter-

state 880 in Milpitas resulting in the death of a 6-year-old Kensington Elementary School kindergartner, won't be charged with any crimes.

Nor will two other adults in the vehicle, returning from a day's outing to Santa Cruz along with six children.

None of the children wore seat belts, said police, who had recommended charging the

adults with knowingly allowing children to ride in a vehicle unrestrained, a violation of the state's seat-belt law.

But Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Randy Hey declined to prosecute because, among other reasons, the vehicle's driver, Hortensia Rascon, did not cause the accident,

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Kids 'chute the breeze

Kids rush under the parachute and sit in its lip as they play mushroom, trying to form a large mushroom with the parachute, during the Harding Day Camp on Thursday July 25, 2002 in El Cerrito, Calif. The 34 kids play games, do improve, make crafts, and sing. The program for kids age 6 to 9 runs from June 17 to Aug. 23 and is still open for enrollment.

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El Cerrito

National Night Out set for Tuesday

The El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee and the El Cerrito Police will sponsor a "Night Out" as part of the 19th Annual National Night Out sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

The campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 9,000 communities from all 50 states.

The goal of National Night Out is to promote neighborhood unity. In El Cerrito, the plan is to focus on block parties with the aim of getting to know neighbors and police officers.

Some neighborhoods have shown unity simply by turning on porch lights and taking time to visit with neighbors, or walking through the neighborhood together.

For information call El Cerrito Crime Prevention at 510-215-4414 ext. 30, Det. Robert Pierson, El Cerrito Police, at 510-215-4422 or Ky Katsumoto, ECCPC Chairman, at 510-234-8704.

Albany-Berkeley

Still time to be part of the Solano Stroll

Nonprofit organizations and potential parade entries are invited to fill out applications to participate in the Solano Stroll, the East Bay's oldest and largest free street festival, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Berkeley and Albany.

Applications for booth spaces and parade entries may be downloaded online at www.solanostroll.org or requested by sending an SASE to Solano Stroll, 1563 Solano Ave. #101, Berkeley, CA 94707 and ask for the type of application in which you are interested.

Albany-Berkeley

Comment period on Eastshore extended

The public review and comment period for the recently released draft environmental impact report and General Plan of the Eastshore State Park extends until Aug. 29, 2002.

All comments must be submitted in writing to Robin Ettinger, ASLA, State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Service Center, One Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814.

A Regional Workshop will be held Thursday, Aug. 15, at Hs Lordship's Restaurant in the Berkeley Marina at 7 p.m. to take public comment and answer questions on both documents. Comments will be incorporated into the documents and presented to the States Park Commission for consideration in late November.

Stops

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Chaney, Albany's community development director, "and the commission seemed to be leaning toward being OK with a new San Pablo location in front of Subway Sandwiches if the merchants could get some parking spaces back to them on the Solano side."

The idea of parking at the Solano curbside is complicated,

Bay Area

Help available for renters' assistance

Trained volunteers are available to provide free help and answer questions about completing claim forms for the state's Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program, according to the California Franchise Tax Board.

The volunteer assistance program will provide free claims help through Oct. 15. Budget constraints have prevented staff at tax-board field offices from filling out claim forms, so the tax board is relying on the state's network of volunteers more than ever, according to state Controller and Franchise Tax Board Chair Kathleen Connell.

The Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program provides a once-a-year payment from the state to qualified homeowners and renters based on property taxes directly paid by homeowners and indirectly paid by renters.

For more information, forms or to find out where volunteers are in your community, call the California Franchise Tax Board at 800-338-0505 or visit www.ftb.ca.gov.

Berkeley

UC investigating 15 Berkeley employees

University of California officials said Tuesday that they put 15 workers in the Berkeley campus' building maintenance department on "investigatory leave" while they look into allegations ranging from the falsification of timecards to drug and alcohol use on the job.

The university continues to pay the employees during the investigation, Berkeley campus spokeswoman Janet Gilmore said. She said in the statement that the investigation has been going on for several months. The statement offered no date as to when the suspensions occurred, and Gilmore refused to provide more details late Tuesday.

The allegations include misuse of campus property, timecard improprieties, and drug and alcohol use. The university police force that the allegations do not reach a level of criminal charges, according to the statement.

Gilmore said the investigation could lead to charges resulting in disciplinary action, including termination of the employees.

University Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Services Ron Coley did not return calls to his office Tuesday. Neither did Eric Haemer, the campus' director of its physical plant.

CORRECTION

A story July 26 about historic Route 40, quoting Gary Whitlock of Pinole, should have referred to him as chairman of the Northern California Cruisers' car show.

though, because of the number of cars making right turns south onto San Pablo from Solano. Without a bus stop on Solano, cars might still have a tough time parking there because of cars trying to make right turns, Chaney said.

The city staff is looking into feasible ideas and will present them to the Traffic and Safety Commission on Aug. 22. The City Council will then have the last word on the bus stops when it hears the proposal.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Friday, July 19

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Liberty Street sometime between 12:30 and 9:30 a.m.

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from a vehicle in the 5600 block of MacDonald Avenue sometime between 8:45 and 10 a.m. The front passenger window had been smashed.

Saturday, July 20

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from a vehicle parked in the 2500 block of Talmajalpa Avenue sometime between 6 and 9:50 p.m. The vehicle's window had been smashed.

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from two vehicles in the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime after 11 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — The driver's door lock of a vehicle in the 300 block of Behrens Street was punched out sometime between noon and 1:45 p.m.

■ **THEFT** — Tools worth \$3,300 were stolen from the bed of a truck parked in the 1200 block of Norvell Street sometime between 12:33 and 6 a.m.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia at 1:04 p.m. after he was stopped while driving at Rich-

mond Street near Manila Avenue.

Sunday, July 21

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A shoplifter assaulted an employee at Walgreens with a pen at 10:17 a.m. after caught stealing. After the assault, the shoplifter fled.

■ **THEFT** — Cash was taken from a home on the 8700 block of Terrace Drive sometime between 1 and 6:45 a.m. One of the home's windows had been smashed.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — The passenger door lock of a vehicle in the 1700 block of Wesley Avenue was punched out and property was removed.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Honda Civic was stolen from the 5800 block of Central Avenue sometime between 2 and 8:30 a.m.

Monday, July 22

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from a vehicle in the 6600 block of Hagen Boulevard sometime between 5:30 p.m. on July 22 and 6:40 a.m. the next day. The vehicle's window was smashed.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1984 Toyota Camry was stolen from Key Boulevard and Liberty Street sometime between 4 p.m. on July 22 and 7:25 a.m. the next day.

ALBANY POLICE

Monday, July 22

■ **THEFT** — Thieves broke into a storage room on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue and stole items.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — A restaurant on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man was inside who was intoxicated and throwing up. Officers contacted the 58-year-old Berkeley man and arrested him for disorderly conduct. He was cited and released.

■ **BAD CHECKS** — Officers arrested an Oakland man for an outstanding Emeryville warrant for passing bad checks. He was cited and released.

Tuesday, July 23

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 900 block of Nielson Street reported that during the night thieves broke into his car and went through the glove box. There were no witnesses.

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — During the night thieves broke into a black '00 Honda on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **FUNNY MONEY** — Officers responded to a liquor store on the 700

block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of subjects described as three white males, driving a blue '91 Honda Civic, who had passed a counterfeit \$100 bill. Officers located the group and arrested a Kensington man, cited him and released him.

Thursday, July 25

■ **CAR STOLEN** — A resident on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue reported that her blue '91 Honda Civic had been stolen from the parking garage at her apartment building. She also reported that on July 4 thieves had stolen the stereo from her car. She had replaced the stereo two days earlier and now they had taken the whole car. A check found that Oakland Police had custody of the vehicle, but no suspects.

Friday, July 26

■ **DUI** — Albany officers stopped a vehicle near Marin and Pomona avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an 18-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for DUI, cited and released.

OBITUARY

El Cerrito man was active in Hillside Community Church

Reginald Frederick Read, an active member of El Cerrito's Hillside Community Church, died June 23 at his home here after a long illness.

A native of London and a life-long British citizen, he served in the Royal Air Force for seven years in England, North Africa and Germany. Mr. Read was employed by the Canadian Consulate in San Francisco, retiring in 1988. He lived in El Cerrito for nearly 32 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, a retired Albany schools librarian; son, Trevor; and daughter, Kim Gallagher of London;

stepchildren, Eileen Andrade and Maria Mee of El Cerrito; Antonio Silva of Moraga; and eight grandchildren: Heather and Jessica Gallagher; Rocky and Chance Mee; Allyson, Bradley and Lucas Silva and Enrique Andrade.

A memorial service will be held at Hillside Community Church, 1420 Navellier St., El Cerrito, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. In lieu of floral tributes, the family requests gifts be made in his memory to: Pathways Hospice, 7901 Oakport St., Ste. 3500, Oakland, CA 94621.

Tuesday, July 23

■ **PURSE-SNATCHING** — A woman's purse was forcibly removed from her shoulder while she walking in the 200 block of Behrens Street at 10:20 p.m. The person who stole the purse fled on a bicycle.

■ **THEFT** — Cash was removed from the business Winston Tires sometime between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. The front door was forced open.

Wednesday, July 24

■ **THEFT** — More than \$3,000 was stolen from a home in the 800 block of Bates Avenue.

■ **THEFT** — Property was stolen from a home in the 1000 block of Contra Costa Drive over a two-day period starting July 24. A person working at the home was suspected to have taken the property.

■ **THEFT** — Property was removed from a vehicle in the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 7 p.m. on July 24 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1978 Datsun was stolen from the 2000 block of Mira Vista Drive sometime between 10 p.m. on July 24 and noon the next day. The vehicle was later located at Junction and Cutting Boulevard.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1998 Toyota Corolla was stolen from near Colusa and Fairmont avenues sometime be-

tween 11:50 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25

■ **VINTAGE VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1948 Chevy Stylemaster was stolen from the 3400 block of Bates Avenue sometime between 4 and 5:30 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE BREAK-IN** — A man was arrested on suspicion of entering into vehicles and stealing property after police received reports he was breaking into vehicles on Drive and Geleton places.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1980 Accord was stolen from the block of Portola Avenue sometime between 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a woman during an argument at a home 3200 block of Santa Clara Ave. at 12:56 a.m.

Saturday, July 27

■ **WEAPONS POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a deadly weapon while driving with a suspended license at 10 p.m. on San Pablo near El Cerrito. An officer found the man in a concealed location after he stopped for driving on the wrong side of the road.

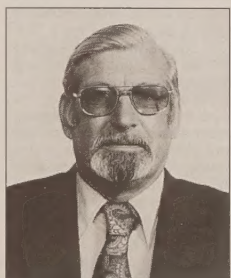
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — Unknown thieves stole a dark blue hatchback from the 1200 block of Bates Avenue.

Monday, July 29

■ **CAR BREAK-IN** — A man reported that he had broken into his black '91 Mustang while it was parked in a parking garage. There were no witnesses.

Summary

During the week of July 22, officers towed one vehicle, responded to 18 false alarms, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car, attended to two deceased animals. In the arena officers responded to 15 disturbances and 102 calls. Officers stopped 12 vehicles and 10 pedestrians issuing 58 citations, 70 warnings. Albany firefighters responded to nine medical emergencies.



Reginald Frederick Read

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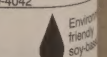
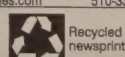
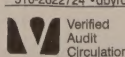
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A shark experience, minus the aquarium

THIS IS A COLUMN I've been waiting to write for almost a year — ever since this last summer, when I got a letter from a friend who said, "I've got to get over to Tiburon and look at the leopard sharks! There must be thousands of them!"

So I gathered up my nephew and my nieces Anya and Ben, and off to Tiburon we went. Sure enough, the place was like a leopard-shark convention. (If anything, my friend underestimated their numbers.) They were swimming so close to shore, we could reach out and touch them if we wanted to. They're only 2 or 3 feet long — much too small to be a danger to humans. And instead of one fin, they have two. And, yes, they have stripes, just like leopards.

The kids were entranced. I was entranced. It was the closest of us will ever get to a wild animal in its own habitat. The only sour note was a warning about 50 yards away, who was throwing rocks at the sharks until we made him stop. The time you hear a particularly vicious human being referred to as "an animal," think about just who is being insulted.)

I have no idea why they congregate at the Tiburon peninsula at this time of year. I've come to shark experts at the Department of Fish & Game in Monterey and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in La Jolla, and all they can tell me is "nobody knows much about why leopard sharks do what they do."

"Maybe they're feeding, maybe they're mating, maybe they're pupping," says Sue from NOAA. "If you notice them doing any of those things, we know, OK?"

All I know is that watching them is great fun, and a thrill boot. Here's how to get there: Take the Richmond bridge to Marin, then take 101 west to Tiburon Boulevard. Turn right on Blackie's Pasture and take it to the end. Walk the 20 yards or so down to the water. Try to be there around high tide, because that's when they swim west to shore.

And that's only half the fun, cause after you're finished gazing out with the leopard sharks, there's one more thing to do: visit Blackie's Pasture. An authentic piece of local lore. You probably won't find it in any textbook; it's history, just the same.

Once upon a time, there was a named Blackie. He was a bull horse, and he lived from 1906. He spent most of his life as a cavalry horse. In those days, the Army used its horses at the Presidio during the winter. When the time came, they saddled up, and to Yosemite, and patrolled the park all summer. In the fall, he made the long trek back to the Presidio. Blackie was one of those horses.

Later, he worked as a cutting horse. In 1938 he retired at



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

the age of 12, and that's when his real fame began. His owner, Anthony Connell, kept him in his own private pasture at the corner of Tiburon Boulevard and Trestle Glen Road.

Since the only road in or out of town goes right by there, you couldn't pass without seeing "Old Blackie." He was hard to miss: By his retirement he had a pronounced sway back, which got more pronounced every year. The local residents soon began to feel as if Blackie belonged to all of them. In spite of his sway back, they admired Blackie for his military air and the pride that came from once being a great horse.

Mr. Connell would stop by every day to feed and water him, but so did many others. Visitors of all ages could be seen regularly feeding Blackie carrots, sugar lumps, and hay. Feb. 27, 1966, is a date local residents have permanently burned in their memories. That was the day Blackie collapsed and had to be put out of his misery.

"I can still remember driving by and seeing all these people huddled around Blackie, trying to ease his agony," says longtime resident Larry Smith. "It was one of the saddest days of my life."

As news of Blackie's death spread, residents looked for ways to express their grief. The Marin County Health Department granted them special permission to bury Blackie in his own pasture. Children from nearby homes walked over to bid silent farewell to their old friend and erect a makeshift cross to mark his resting place. Other children planted flowers on his grave. Still other children wrote poems in his memory. And from grown-ups, wreaths and other floral tributes poured in daily.

Blackie's grave is still there, still covered with flowers and lovingly tended by a group of volunteers who call themselves "Blackie's Brigade." In 1995, a life-sized bronze statue of Blackie was erected in the pasture.

Blackie lived for 40 years. That's a long time for a horse. Local residents are convinced that it was love — from old-timers and visitors alike — that sustained him. And that love obviously endures, 35 years after his death.

So after you see the sharks, check out Blackie's Pasture, including his grave and the memorial plaque by the fence. If you bring the kids, they'll probably want to have their picture taken sitting on Blackie's statue. And tell them Blackie's story, so they'll feel more connected to the great continuum.

Phone Martin Snapp at 510-273-9039 or e-mail him at catman@california.com.

BART seismic bond issue on ballot

By Brandy Underwood
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — BART directors voted Thursday to add a \$1.05 billion seismic safety bond measure to the November ballot that will provide funds for retrofitting in the core areas of the transit system.

After reviewing three possible bond options that ranged from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, the board selected the least expensive proposal and subtracted \$150 million in funds it had already secured from Caltrans.

"Three years ago, I had to introduce this three times and I'd always say that the BART retrofitting is one of our most important projects, even more important than the extensions," said

BART Director Roy Nakadegawa.

The vote was 6-0 with Director Dan Richard abstaining. BART President Willie Kennedy and Director James Fang were not at the meeting.

If two-thirds of the voters approve the bond measure, property owners from Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco counties will have to pay as much as \$14 per \$100,000 assessed value of their properties annually, said Scott Schroder, BART controller-treasurer. The average cost to property owners will be closer to \$8 annually over the 40-year life of the bond beginning in 2003.

Priority will be placed on improving earthquake safety in the transbay tube that thousands of

commuters pass through every day on their way to and from San Francisco.

Another option the board reviewed was extending funds to cover a post-Sept. 11 security program that would have included security cameras, chemical detectors and intrusion alarms.

Suzanne Angeli, president of SEIU Local 790, said she thought BART's tab of putting the measure on the ballot, estimated to cost from \$1.9 million to \$2.7 million, could be better used to provide jobs for BART employees who were laid-off earlier this year. The cost of placing the measure on the ballot will be covered by bond funding if voters pass the measure.

Fewer schools earn awards for test scores

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 24 percent fewer California schools qualified for prizes by meeting their academic growth goals in 2001 than in 2000.

The governor's office announced Monday that 3,428 schools were given Governor's Performance Awards totaling \$67.3 million for their improvement on standardized tests, down from 4,502 schools last year. In Contra Costa County and the Tri-Valley area, \$1.9 million went to 103 schools, a 44 percent drop.

Kerry Mazzoni, the governor's secretary for education, said the governor's office is not disappointed or shocked by the decrease, because, nationwide, test scores tend to level off after an initial jump.

The Governor's Performance Awards are the final incentive in Gov. Gray Davis' carrot-and-stick school improvement strategy, but there is no money for the 2002 awards.

Other monetary awards for individual school employees — including up to \$25,000 for teachers and administrators at the most improved schools — were cut from the state budget after

ON THE WEB

For a list of schools that won Governor's Performance Awards, go to the Office of the Secretary for Education Web site: www.ose.ca.gov.

the state's economy turned sour.

The governor remains committed to the award program and plans to restore funding once the state's revenue improves, Mazzoni said.

"We certainly believe the awards have served a valuable purpose in focusing people on student achievement, but there are enough other programs in place that I don't think we'll see a rollback in student achievement because the programs are not funded in current years," she said.

In the West Contra Costa Unified School District 15 schools qualified for improvement awards in 2001, down from 31 in 2000.

Gloria Johnston, West Contra Costa's superintendent, said she is concerned about the drop, but added that a lot has happened in the past year. The district has pushed hard to boost literacy, among other improvement efforts.

Environmentalist Mary Jefferds dies at 81

By Denis Cuff
STAFF WRITER

Mary Lee Jefferds' love of plants and wildlife steered her into politics and a prominent role in expanding the East Bay Regional Park sites in two counties.

Jefferds, 81, died Monday in Walnut Creek of a long illness. A longtime Berkeley environmental educator and activist, Jefferds served on the East Bay Regional Park District board from 1973 to 1991.

She represented Berkeley and parts of West Contra Costa County.

Jefferds served as president of the park board in 1988 when it persuaded voters to approve a \$225 million bond issue, Measure AA, to create and expand parks in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

"Mary was largely responsible for preserving many thou-



Mary Lee Jefferds

sands of acres of regional park land," said Alan La Pointe, chairman of Friends of Wildcat Canyon.

"She was very accessible and an inspiration to groups trying to save land from development."

In 1979, Jefferds became the first woman elected board president.

Before her election to the park board, Jefferds monitored the park agency as a representative of the League of Women Voters.

Jefferds was born in Seattle, but moved at a young age to Berkeley with her family.

She attended Berkeley schools and UC Berkeley, earning a bachelor's degree and a teaching cre-

EPITAPH

Mary Lee Jefferds

Born: July 16, 1921, in Seattle

Died: July 22 in Walnut Creek

Services: None held

Memorial gifts: Save San Francisco Bay Association, 1600 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612; and Save the Redwoods League, 114 Sansome St., Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104.

dential.

In 1951, she began work at the National Audubon Society Conservation Resource Center in Berkeley and later directed the conservation group's educational services in the Bay Area.

Jefferds also served as a second lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps, earning an honorable discharge in 1955.

Transit programs on hold

By Denis Cuff
STAFF WRITER

The Bay Area will face a ban on starting new highway and transit projects after Oct. 1 as a result of another legal setback for the region's smog-fighting plan.

How long the chokehold on new projects will last is unclear.

But a federal court ruling Friday virtually guarantees that the roadblock to new projects will kick in Oct. 1 while a legal battle continues over the adequacy of a regional clean air plan.

"When October comes, if you want to make a transportation improvement and you don't have federal approval, you're stuck," said Randy Rentschler, a spokesman for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. "We're very disappointed and frustrated," he said.

Environmentalists said the new project ban should make the commission realize it must amend its smog-fighting plans to rely less on cars to get people around.

"This is a huge ruling that says the MTC must start following the law. Federal dollars cannot be used to make air quality worse," said David Schonbrunn, director of Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund.

It is one of the environmental groups that have challenged a plan designed to bring the nine-county region into compliance with public health standards for smog.

In its ruling Friday, a panel of judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order that effectively nullifies a part of the region's smog-fighting plan.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency approved the estimates in February after an initial delay that froze funding for new projects for four weeks.

On Friday, however, the court issued a stay that voided estimates at least until legal hearings can be scheduled between Oct. 7 and Oct. 11. Because the Bay Area's current transportation improvement plan expires Oct. 1, there is no authority after then to begin new projects, federal and regional officials say.

Mark DeSaunier, a Contra Costa County supervisor, said he is unhappy that road and highway projects to ease congestion are in jeopardy.

"This will not help air quality. It will hurt the economy at a time we can least afford it," said DeSaunier, a member of the Metropolitan Commission and the region's air pollution board.

The Bay Area violates the standard only two or three days a year in a few places, and has among the cleanest air of urban areas in the nation, he said.

"This is an example of a few environmental groups who are getting 85 percent of what they want, but they want 100 percent so they're going to punish the public," DeSaunier said.

Environmentalists contend Bay Area pollution and transportation officials are too vague on how they plan to curb enough pollution to meet public health standards for smog.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Make the Plaza safe

It was a Spanish rancho. A greyhound racetrack. A regional shopping center before SunValley and Hilltop were gleams in a developer's eye.

El Cerrito Plaza stands on a site that has been many things to many people. And that hasn't changed. Some people love it and some hate it — and some people love and hate it.

As a huge, new Albertson's and chain stores such as Pier 1 and Bed, Bath & Beyond join the existing merchants in the center, El Cerrito residents and those from farther afield have come to shop, turning the refurbished plaza into a commercial success.

At the same time, residents have had concerns about the center's design, ranging from appearance to the safety of pedestrians trying to negotiate the oddly configured traffic lanes.

Certainly Barnes & Noble offers one of the few places to buy, say, classical music CDs in West County. And if you need a papasan chair, it's great to have a Pier 1 this close. Those new stores, along with the older tenants like the Kit & Kaboodle hobby shop and the German-British deli The Junket, make the Plaza a shopping destination.

But pedestrian-friendly it's not. Timid-driver-friendly it's not.

It's possible to love being able to sip a cappuccino at Starbucks, buy fancy dog treats at Petco and get a cell phone at Cingular Wireless — and to hate the idea that many of the stores in the plaza are so far from each other that you can't park once and walk to them easily, or that you'll be run over by a confused driver trying to navigate the parking lot.

It's too late now to make major changes to the layout, obviously. But concerns about traffic safety need to be addressed, and sooner rather than later.

As Jill Keimach, community development director, has pointed out, the plaza is incomplete, and its owners do have plans to improve traffic flow.

That's a good start — drivers who aren't distracted by unnecessarily complicated parking lots are more likely to drive safely.

And the city and developer also need to explore every measure that can be taken to make sure drivers and pedestrians don't meet in tragic ways.

Especially, the city needs to remember its large senior-citizen population. While many seniors are active and strong, a good many also are not — their safety while walking or driving should be a priority in any plan to mitigate the danger.

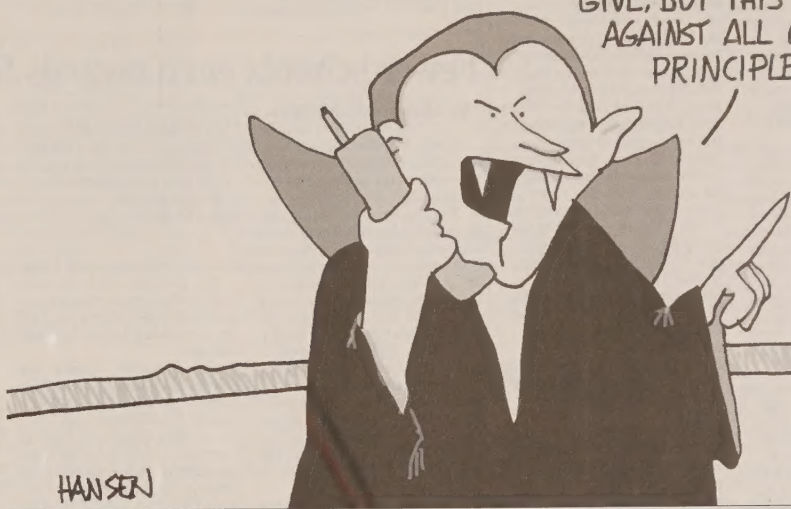
Shuttles from one area to another? Crossing guards? Valet parking? Every idea from the sophisticated to the homely should be entertained.

The plaza owners and the city, and the citizens it represents, need to make sure that every possible step is taken to make the plaza a safe, fun place to visit — for all those who shop there.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Israel defending itself

Nancy Kiang's letter (July 12) shows a total lack of understanding of the Palestinian/Israeli situation.

Ariel Sharon was elected by a landslide by an Israeli public that had supported the previous prime minister, Barak, in his efforts to come to a peaceful agreement with the Palestinians by offering concessions, which included dismantling settlements, sharing Jerusalem, dealing with refugees, etc.

There was on the table a Clinton plan and a Barak plan. There was no Arafat plan. Instead, the second Intifada was unleashed by Arafat with its consequent murderous suicide attacks and other bombings. They were all directed at civilians, very many against young people enjoying life. This kind of brutality needed answers and no appeasement except negotiations would have worked.

Israel has had to defend itself in many wars designed to "drive the Jews into the sea." And since Israel was victorious, the Intifada is the most insidious new attack yet. The incursions by Israel into the territories are a reply, as all of Israel's military actions have been — a response to attacks.

An agreement with the Palestinians, were they intent on being peaceful neighbors, could readily be achieved. The late "hard-liner," Prime Minister Begin, abandoned splendid settlements in the Sinai, now covered again by desert sand, to achieve peace with Egypt.

The people of Israel want peace and the U.S. government and Congress understand this. They know the Intifada kind of terror poses a threat to the whole world. That is why they support Israel.

Ray H. Redel
Albany

Dangerous design

Richard Stenquist's letter, "Bad planning," about the "revitalized" El Cerrito Plaza (July 19), is absolutely right.

One aspect he didn't mention is the lack of sidewalks for pedestrians and the dangerous traffic flow plan.

I predict there will be some major accidents there before long.

Minnie Favre
El Cerrito

Try safety inspections

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission of the Bay Area should consider another alternative to the use of cell phones as a way to replace the roadside call boxes.

The time to catch vehicles that break down and cause traffic congestion is before they get out on the highway.

Thirty states have an annual vehicle brake and light safety inspection system for all automobiles that assures those vehicles are fully operative with basic details.

Of course, it's a little bit of bother, but like pollution it is far better to catch it at the source than to try to recover it later.

Charles Smith
Berkeley

Valid scrutiny

President Bush and conservative senators had the audacity to complain that the Senate is being slow to approve Bush

judicial nominees.

The Senate has a right to look carefully over these judges' records. The judges Bush wants on the federal bench are up to no good. They want to roll back Native American sovereignty, a woman's right to choose, civil rights, and environmental laws.

For example, Bush nominated Charles Pickering to the 5th District Court, which covers Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. However, there were some controversies over this nominee regarding racial matters. Reportedly, Pickering wanted to commute a jail sentence of a white man convicted of cross-burning at the home of an inter-racial couple in Mississippi.

Also, Judge Pickering rails against a woman's right to choose. Obviously, he and his fellow conservatives only care about children of color who are unborn and not children of color who are living.

Fortunately, the Senate committees rejected this nominee.

President Bush should think twice about nominating judges that fit his ideology, since he doesn't have a mandate.

Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland

Increasing our risks

Tripling price caps for power sold in California to an astonishing \$250 a megawatt hour is no way to stabilize California's energy market.

In fact, encouraging even greater reliance on natural gas electricity generation, as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said it was doing with this order, can only increase our risks of wild price swings and market manipulation.

The best way to ensure stable energy supplies and stable prices is to diversify our power portfolio by increasing our investment in clean, renewable energy.

The price of energy from new wind power in California is less than \$50 per megawatt hour, so why should we be willing to spend five times that on gas-fired generation? Investment in renewable resources is our best hedge against price volatility.

Julia Levin
Berkeley

Levin is with the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Preserve Albany Bulb

I am a mother with two children who lives in Japan. I heard from my friend that the Albany Bulb and Plateau is threatened with sports field construction. I visited the area in March and was impressed with the nature that was not artificial, in spite of its being close to a big city.

The Albany Bulb and Plateau are valu-

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able, rare places, having unique character, untouched, freedom, artworks, and bicycling. I really enjoyed cycling along the shoreline and seeing the artworks, and I had the pleasure walking around in the overgrown shrubs.

I envy those who live nearby, because they can enjoy real nature and health. Their children get a chance to enjoy nature, such as playing in the climbing trees, building tree houses, making a fort, feeling the wind, hearing the song of wild birds.

In Japan, where I live, we don't get a chance to touch nature, even in the countryside. There are only artificial beaches without mud, and no trees.

My children, ages 16 and 20, have a chance to climb a big tree or explore spontaneous nature. This example is rare in Japan, because our environment is artificial. If we want to experience real nature, we have to ride a car on a train for two hours.

Please teach your children the importance of nature and how those things affect us and make our lives much more beautiful. Our children should be taught that we must take care of our natural places our whole lives.

Yukari Yoshida
Kyushu, Japan

Pay your taxes

Bill Simon blames the governor for the state's fiscal crisis.

Maybe we wouldn't be in such a state if people like him started paying their taxes.

Nancy Carter
Berkeley

Current policy stinks

This administration is really intent on diverting the American public's attention to convince us that we must take Iraq now and topple Saddam.

The real problem is at home — crooked corporate executives who have greed led to bankruptcy that has affected millions of investors.

This administration must stay focused on this problem in the corporate world. Send the crooked executives to jail, confiscate all their properties, turning proceeds over to the investors who were cheated. That is the only way investors might regain confidence in the stock market.

They should start with Vice President Dick Cheney, who should not hide behind the walls of the White House. He must come clean and face the court.

The so-called surplus of a couple years ago is no longer there and our economy is sinking and unemployment is too high (we deserve to have jobs).

Instead of wasting our tax dollars bomb another country, why can't they at home to stimulate our economy?

We have a lot of domestic problems that urgently need attention. We should cut off foreign aid now, because it begins at home.

It is really funny that our government can tell other countries that their debt amounting to billions of dollars, are given, without consulting the American taxpayer. I wish my mortgage company would do that.

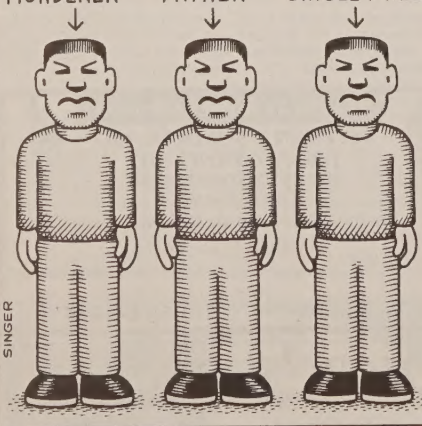
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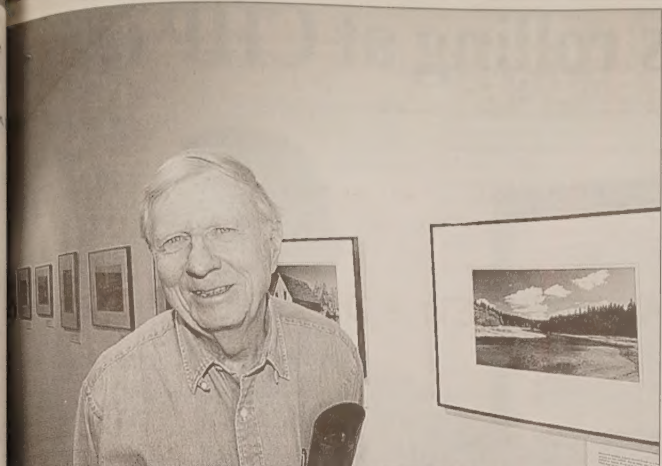
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ED KINNEY is exhibiting a collection of black and white photographs titled 'Unrequited Memories, Moments of Life in the Bay of Fundy and the Minas Basin' at PhotoLab in Berkeley.

Photos depict quiet, rural Nova Scotia

WHEN PHOTOGRAPHER Ed Kinney decided to document life in rural Nova Scotia where his wife, Moreen, was raised, he decided to work in black and white.

The photos, currently lining the wall of the Photolab gallery in Berkeley, sharply delineate churches, public buildings and small wooden homes in decay against their northeastern Canadian backdrop.

Many of the photos are taken in the Bay of Fundy and the adjacent Minas Basin, where Moreen Kinney's few remaining relatives live.

The show's title, "Unrequited Memories," Kinney says, comes from his wife's relationship to the place:

"I've vividly remembers neighbor homes, the smell of freshly baked pies and children playing in contrast with today's often vacated homes and empty streets. These re-quit photographs depict her memories of life in Nova Scotia."

It was a quiet place, she remembered, where men worked lumber, fishing and farming, and women tended homes, gardens and children.

But at the end of World War many of the young men who had never come back. They left instead to cities such as Toronto, Halifax and other

Canadian and U.S. cities "seeking jobs and an escape from the life." The young women followed suit, seeking education and jobs.

The buildings are now sagging, whole areas are uninhabited and the communities are dying, Kinney says. In his exhibit, it's all there in black and white.

Kinney describes himself as an amateur photographer, but he also takes photographs to accompany a column he writes for International News, a magazine based in Sacramento.

He's been all around the world, but he specializes in the Middle East and Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Israel and Jordan, coming back to talk about these areas in service clubs such as Rotary and Lions, as well as to churches and other organiza-

tions. He visited outer Mongolia when it was just opening up to visitors and says he always wanted to go to places before they became big tourist destinations and the people start to lose their native habits and cus-

tom in Roanoke, Va., Kinney went to high school in



ED KINNEY points to one of the Nova Scotia photographs of the home his wife lived in in Apple River, Nova Scotia.



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

West Virginia. His father was an officer with Western Railways, and they moved around during the war. He went to college at Hampden-Sydney, a Virginia boys school, then joined the Navy and was sent to officers training school during the Korean War.

Assigned to the West Coast, he met Moreen, who had worked her way across Canada to Vancouver, then to San Francisco, working for Westinghouse, Canada. They met at a YMCA dance in San Francisco and married in 1967, one month before he got out of the Navy.

After earning a master's degree in chemical engineering at Virginia Tech, Kinney worked for Monsanto in St. Louis, where "there were great people, but I didn't like the weather." Returning to the Bay Area, he joined Chevron in 1961 and worked there until he retired in 1988.

"That's how I became interested in the Middle East," he says. The vast amount of oil this nation imported from the region piqued his interest. When the Kinneys first traveled to Iran, Moreen Kinney had to wear a chador, the dark, all-concealing robe all women must wear. That didn't curtail their rambles around the country, though.

When he retired, Kinney joined the Berkeley Camera Club and took photography classes.

"I have been very lucky," he

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says, "And I have had wonderful women in my life: my mother, my sister and my wife. Oh, and I had a good dad. I enjoy my life."

Married for 45 years, the Kinneys have lived in a handsome home they built in El Cerrito for the past 22 years.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

Improve the schools through improved communication

ONE OF MY ongoing campaigns is to urge better communication in our schools.

Sometimes people assume communication is the same as public relations — that is, carefully controlled information designed to make someone or something look good.

Yes, we need to tell people the good things that are happening in our schools. But I am talking about something much broader and deeper. I'm talking about communicating everything from basic details like times and dates to major policy decisions and listening to everyone's concerns and involving them in decisions.

So much needs to be done and that will require a lot of people working together. There is no way that can happen without effective and thorough communication.

Two documents I read recently support this idea.

One was the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team's report on the West Contra Costa Unified School District. The group is providing support to the district in conjunction with AB2265, the 2000 bill that brought relief from the district's debt to the state.

The report notes: "School effectiveness and student learning can be greatly enhanced by the support of staff and the community. To build a sense of ownership in the schools, strong two-way communications are needed: A district must inform and educate the staff and community, and must also provide opportunities for input and meaningful involvement."

The full report is available at



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

www.fcmat.org. The site includes a July 2002 update, which says the district has made progress but can do more.

The Annenberg Foundation, which has taken a very different approach to school reform than the state, came to a similar conclusion about communication in its "The Annenberg Challenge: Lessons & Reflections on Public School Reform."

"Schools need to find ways to open up their doors and enlist more community help in the vital business of educating children. They need to get more local citizens, businesses and other community institutions and organizations involved in this work, and they need to communicate in language that parents and the rest of the public understand."

"It's not enough to tell someone, 'Your child scored at the 20th percentile on the SAT-9 or the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.' They need to know what the test is measuring and what it means for their child's future. Most important, parents need to know what they can do and what the professional educators propose to help the child improve."

I bet you're thinking, "Yeah, THEY should do something about communication." But I'm

not letting you off that easy. Yes, all school employees and elected officials should share what they know with colleagues, students, family members and the rest of the community. But parents can also share information. Some of the most useful school news I get comes from parents.

When decisions are being made we need to say, "What about ...?" or "Did you consider ...?" or "If you do that, this could happen."

We all need to share information, as many ways as we can — electronically, in school publications and letters to the editor, by calling someone on the phone or stopping them on the school yard, and at meetings. We need to listen and ask questions, and if we think something isn't right, we need to speak up.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

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EL CERRITO CHAMBER NEWS

By Sewall Glinernick

THREE BUSINESSES and a company representative have joined the Chamber of Commerce in the past few weeks.

The **T-Mobile Wireless** phone store at 3030 El Cerrito Plaza stocks a large assortment of phones and offers seven operating programs. The store has a staff of five, and manager Pete Bond vows, "Our store is all about customer service."

The store is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Cafe Cerrito at 9935 San Pablo Ave., opposite the Plaza entrance, serves breakfast and lunch from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Its specialty is fresh food made to order with half-orders for those with smaller appetites.

Manager K.K. Chan came to El Cerrito two years ago from Hong Kong, where he was executive editor of the Chinese edition of *Forbes* magazine and co-founded one of the top 10 Chinese financial Web sites.

Chan's wife, Yuk Wan Wan, and brother, Simon, head the corporation, called Cozy N Foody, Inc., which owns the restaurant.

"Running Cafe Cerrito," Chan says, "has been a great way for me to learn about people in El Cerrito who love their community."

Barely used and new quality children's clothing is the specialty at **Kidz Kiosket**, at 10289 San Pablo Ave. The store carries clothes sized newborn to teen, plus shoes, toys, furniture, strollers, stuffed animals and collectibles.

Owner and manager Michele Samson says she found out how rapidly children grow firsthand with her daughter, Samantha. She found that dresses and dress-up clothing especially get worn only once or twice or sometimes not at all before becoming too small.

She also believes in recycling and hopes others feel the same way. She invites parents who have clothing or other items they're ready to part with to call her at 510-527-5200 or stop by the store so she can examine their merchandise for possible purchase.

The store also carries a wide selection of new items perfect for baby-shower gifts. It's open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and accepts Visa, Discover and Mastercard.

The newest associate member of the El Cerrito Chamber is **Eric Johnson**, a representative of the Cingular Wireless company.

Johnson says Cingular can offer customers "more phone for their money and more minutes than the average cell-phone store." Information: 510-342-2800.

DOING WELL BY DOING GOOD: Art and Lois Reckler have Coldstone Creamery, their new ice cream store in the Elk Cerrito Plaza, off to a sensational start.

On June 15, when they opened at 3080 El Cerrito Plaza, the couple drew an overflow crowd by giving away free ice cream to some 800 people. On July 11, the Recklers joined 400 Coldstone Creamery stores nationwide to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation by giving away free ice cream creations from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

El Cerrito ice-cream lovers donated more than \$400 to Make-A-Wish, which grants the wishes of seriously ill youngsters.

With promotions like that it is no wonder the couple report that business has been "wonderful."

Coldstone Creamery makes ice cream and frozen yogurt creations which are mixed fresh daily on-site. Orders of ice cream, yogurt and Italian sorbet can be customized with an almost unlimited variety of mix-ins, from fresh fruits and nuts to brand-name candy, cookies, brownies and more.

About 20 part-time and two full-time workers are on hand to combine the mix-ins and ice cream on a frozen granite stone, ensuring that the concoction is blended evenly and it stays at the perfect temperature: 5 degrees.

The Recklers are looking for more employees who are 18 years or older to open and close the store.

The Coldstone Creamery is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

REINVESTING IN THE CHAMBER: In the past several weeks, 24 members have renewed membership for another year.

Chamber leaders thank: Horigan Chiropractic, Abbey Pet Hospital, Meeting Expectations, CFC Corporation, Coldwell Banker-Bartels Realty, Connors Overhead Doors, Giovanni's Produce, Cal Fed Bank, Yolanda's, Miracle Auto Painting, Hackenberg Booksellers, Atlas Liquors, Muffler Works, Antiques & Upholstery, Tri-Service Auto, Marty's Motors, Super Print, Music Works, Denny's Restaurant, Bo's Donuts, Skein Lane, Terrace Motel, Advance America and Harry Rabin & Co.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Chamber of Commerce will host the second annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 12. The competition, open to four-person teams from each Chamber in the East Bay, will be held at Franklin Canyon Golf Course starting at 10 a.m.

The El Cerrito Chamber won the first tournament, earning the right to host this year's.

TOGO'S TO OPEN: Togo's Eatery is tentatively scheduled to open late this month at 340 El Cerrito Plaza. The chain has 407 stores nationwide, 300 in California and is owned by the same company that owns Baskin Robbins Ice Cream and Dunkin' Donuts.

Bell gets rolling at CHP office

■ Stephen Bell, 40, took charge in June of the Dublin-area post, which he says will be his last

By Brian Anderson
TIMES STAFF WRITER

DUBLIN — Freeway driving is pretty anonymous.

Windows are rolled up, music is turned on and the few conversations that do break out are usually between angry motorists.

But Stephen Bell, the new commander of the Dublin office of the California Highway Patrol, is hoping to change that.

"What we're trying to do is develop partnerships," Bell said. "Traffic touches everybody. We want everybody to bring something to the table."

Bell, 40, took command of the Dublin CHP's nearly 400 miles of roadways on June 19 following Capt. Cliff Noble's retirement after 34 years on the state police force. It is his final stop, he said, on a CHP career spanning nearly two decades.

Born in Connecticut, Bell later headed west to the arid confines of the desert, attending Arizona State University where his brother Jerry Bell was a star football player before being drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

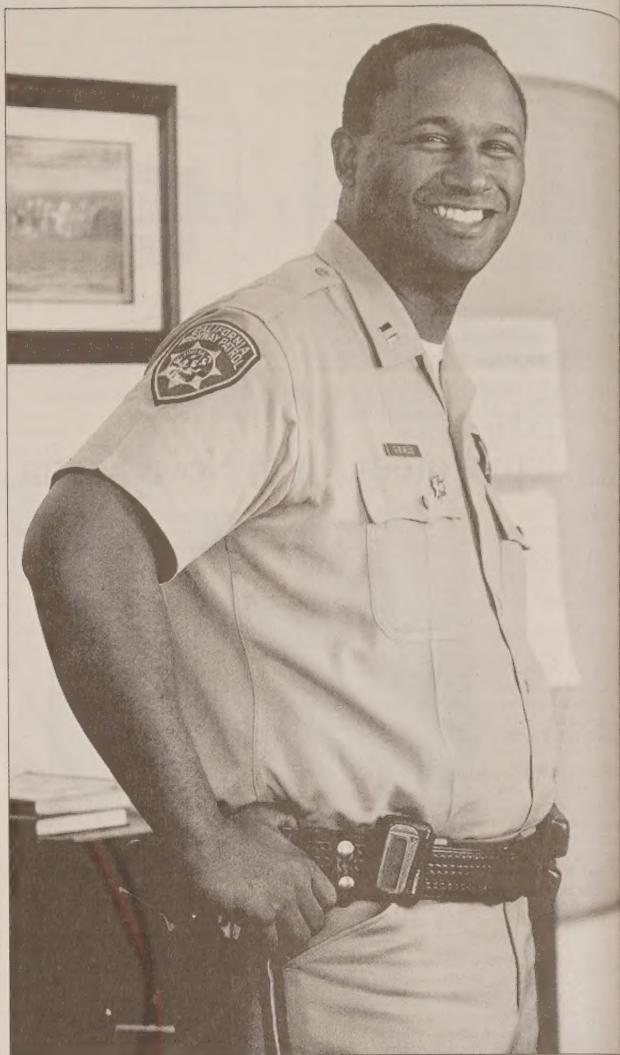
He was thinking about becoming an attorney and transferred to Cal State Hayward to pursue a criminal justice degree, he said. But a CHP recruiting visit snared his attention and his career as a law enforcement officer began to take flight.

Bell found himself in the CHP academy, learning about the law and his duties working for one of the country's largest law enforcement agencies.

Ready to get to work, Bell graduated the academy in 1984 and found his first assignment out of the Coalinga office in Fresno County. He has since served in Oakland, Hayward and Sacramento, taking jobs as a public affairs officer as well as in the mobile road enforcement division, which inspects big rigs rolling through the state.

"He recognizes a person's commitment to an issue or a program or philosophy and then tries to utilize that particular interest," said CHP Officer Gaylord Gee, who worked with Bell in Sacramento. "He has always been pushing people to better themselves and be upwardly mobile themselves."

What has defined Bell, though, is his desire to work with



STEPHEN BELL, in his office Tuesday, is the newly appointed commander of the Dublin California Highway Patrol. He hopes to develop partnerships with citizens, making the traffic driving conditions better for everyone.

everyday folks, Gee said. He wants to know what's happening in a community, what the problems are and create a solution that everyone can live with, he said.

Bell said he hopes to do just that in the Tri-Valley.

"Having everybody working together is really a goal of mine," Bell said. "As I immerse myself into the community, hopefully I'll find out where there are other opportunities to accomplish that."

CHP's Dublin office covers 384 miles of roadway throughout eastern Alameda County and a small part of southern Contra Costa County. Rough boundaries run from the eastern ridgeline along Interstate 680 south to Fremont, north through Danville and east to the San Joaquin County line.

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
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co-owners of the plaza — Regency Stores, developer Douglas Longs Drugs — creation of their own.

A plan was considered a compromise, part mall-style shopping center, part pedestrian plaza with places to walk and sit. It paved the way for the plaza today, and was approved by the Planning Commission in June of 1999.

It wasn't a redevelopment project, we had very little input on the final design," said the design review chair. "The design review chair didn't give input but it didn't give the pedestrian-oriented plaza what we wanted."

Given that, it certainly is better than what was there and people appreciate the effort, so that's all good."

Village proposal

When the planning commission approved the Sustainable El Cerrito, that advocates against sprawl, had proposed its "village" plan for the plaza, a mix of housing, retail and office space — similar to the plan, the storefronts have faced out on the plaza, and parking would have been behind the gathering place, such as a square, would have been in the center of the plaza, according to Dair, the group's chair.

In the late 1990s, those in favor of the "urban village" plan clashed with those who wanted a commercial plaza with housing.

"I wanted it to be like small-town America. That is what we were trying to give us a sense of place," said Lori

Glinternick, the manager of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, said the matter boiled down to what was profitable for the plaza, who wanted a fully commercial plaza.

"I would have had lot of open space to lay around and do concert," Glinternick said of the Sustainable plan. "None

of which is bad, none of which makes you any money."

"There's nothing wrong with the idea of the urban village," he added. "It's a cutesy idea and it's fine and it's good idea for a community to have something like that. But to have that as a main shopping center in town would be a disaster."

Design problems

Three years later though, it's obvious to many that there are design and aesthetic problems with the plaza.

Some of the roads have unusual angles and don't line up, because they aren't square as they would be on a normal public street, according to Jill Keimach, community development director. This is especially obvious at a crosswalk in front of Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Residents and business owners said the entrance to the plaza on the Fairmount Avenue side is full of problems with peak traffic creating a queue of cars that prohibits vehicles entering from making left turns. The manager of PureBeauty said she had seen several accidents there.

There's confusion about where pedestrians can cross at several spots, such as the area near Pasta Pomodoro, according to architect Kevin Stong, the design review chair. Abelson agreed that walkers were poorly served.

"People who walk there do so with difficulty of one sort or another. They have difficulty getting around the plaza because of the distances," said Mayor Janet Abelson. "It is my hope once the project is finished, we will see side-walks between all the businesses and (walking will) at least be possible to do without going through the parking lots."

Phased in

Part of the problem, according to Stong, is that the project's design came in phases, the result of the plaza having different owners and the city wanting to fast-track the project.

And some of the design flourishes that were promised, such as a plaza with a fountain east of Longs, never panned out because of a lack of money, Stong said. "The original schemes were just wonderful," Stong said. "There were great plazas with lots of things going on — granite water

features and benches and all of that, but they're nowhere to be found."

Keimach said the unwillingness to raze the old buildings on the south side of the plaza, plus changes in contractors hired by Regency Centers, the developer that now owns most of the plaza, have resulted in the circulation problems.

"We all sort of inherited this plan that evolved over time and no one is really happy about it," Keimach said. "And Regency is trying to find solutions as much as the city is."

Tom Engberg, the senior vice president of Regency Centers, said the developer came into the picture when the architectural drawings had already been completed.

"We might have done few things differently but we didn't have time to make wholesale changes and go back to design review," he said. "There are a couple of places where it could be better, I agree with that, but I don't think it's a disaster by any stretch of the imagination."

An improvement

Many who shop at the plaza, however, consider it a great improvement over its dark days and find little wrong with it.

"I think it was an industrial dead zone and now they turned it into a happy place," said 25-year-old Albany resident Daniel Villafraña, who likes to shop at Albertsons and Starbucks and is looking forward to the new Togo's Sandwich Shop. "You've got to love the ice cream shop," he added, referring to the Cold Stone Creamery. "They have good ice-cream."

"It's nice, it's really nice, you've got everything right here now," said Stephen Green, smoking a cigarette before entering Cingular Wireless. "It looks a lot better than it used to look."

"It's convenient because it's close to BART. I pick up my girlfriend (at BART), so it's nice to come here and have a cup of coffee," said Jeremy Smith, a Kensington resident drinking a cappuccino and reading a book of 13th- to 15th-century poetry inside Starbucks.

Strictly commercial

"It's a business success, not a particular aesthetic success," Glinternick said. "If all you're inter-

ested in is aesthetics, that's fine, but for a major shopping center in town to be more interested in aesthetics than economics is stupid, and I think history is proving that we're a lot better off turning it over to a company that knew how to make money."

"It was a disappointment," said Dair, of the decision to build a strictly commercial shopping center. "I actually think it's a factor in popular support of the Cerrito Theater, because people were discouraged by that and so they were eager to grab on to an opportunity on San Pablo Avenue that would bring more interesting activities in the area besides chain stores." The Cerrito is a long-dormant former cinema nearby that has gathered considerable backing from people who would like to see it restored and reopened.

Keimach is quick to point out that the plaza is incomplete. Upcoming changes will include the removing one of the exits at the traffic circle, intended to reduce driver confusion. A stop sign south of the traffic circle will also be removed.

New lighting, restriping and landscaping still needs to be completed on the south side of the plaza, according to Engberg.

Decorative touches such as flowers will be installed around the shopping center. Cobblestones and landscaping will be positioned and constructed at the traffic circle.

"The stuff that makes it sort of an exciting and cheerful place to shop, those are last things to go in," Keimach said.

Specialty grocer Trader Joe's will join the plaza next summer, next to Longs Drugs. Chinese restaurant Yan Can is now going through the city's design review process, and Copeland's Sports is rumored to want to locate to the plaza, according to Abelson.

With several new shops still to open, the plaza will likely see continued success.

"We should be really thrilled as a city that the plaza is the success it has been," Keimach said. "It exceeded everyone's expectations."

"Part of the problem is that it has a lot of people milling around, and that's a good thing. It also makes it somewhat difficult to maneuver through the center. But it's probably what you want anyway. You sort of want success to be a problem."

PLAZA STORES

El Cerrito Plaza has bounced back from its dark days in the 1990s, and is once again a bustling, commercial area exceeding sales expectations. The following is a list of the nearly 60 stores, restaurants and services it now offers. A few more stores, including Trader Joe's, Togo's and Yan Can are scheduled to open in the future.

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Creek

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\$350,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy was also awarded to the city to help pay for design and restoration of the creek.

Work to realign the creek, to prevent erosion and help restore it, was expected to begin this August but has been pushed back a full year to accommodate PG&E, which must first remove five utility poles along the creek corridor.

The Department of Fish and Game, which oversees construction on waterways, allows the creek work to be done only between Aug. 15 and Oct. 1, so the city is delaying the project to give time to move the utility poles.

"Rather than rushing to get the

project done and not making good choices just because there was a short window to construct it, I think it's going to be better in the long run," to delay the construction, said Jill Keimach, community development director.

Keimach added that with the delay, Regency Centers, the developer that owns much of the plaza, might help pay to put the utility lines underground rather than just move them.

In addition, money from two pending grants may be used to pay for construction costs thanks to the delay.

Schwartz said the delay may even create opportunities to daylight more of the creek.

"That's why I'm not terribly disturbed," she said. "This is really a long term effort."

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Other adults, Norma Landeros and Maria Nuñez, both of whom had already suffered from trauma nine days after

Norma Landeros and Maria Nuñez also had serious head and neck injuries that required surgery. Rascon and her two children, a boy, 13, and girl, 7, had no significant injuries.

Highway Patrol officer Les Bishop said Rascon was in the fast lane when another vehicle, probably a black, four-door Honda, cut in front of her.

As Rascon evaded the car, she lost control of the Escalade, which overturned and came to a rest on its roof, ejecting four of the children, Bishop said.

"This is a very sad example of what can happen if people don't buckle up," Bishop said.

He classified the accident as a "non-contact hit-and-run," adding, "we don't have any leads in (identifying) this (Honda) vehicle."

Other than the children not wearing seat belts, which is an infraction that carries a \$100 fine,

Hey said, "the driver was doing everything perfectly OK, and this maniac comes down the freeway and cuts in and out of traffic and cuts her off and spins out in front of her and she tried to avoid him and rolled over."

Because other parents were in the vehicle, Rascon was responsible for her own children but not the boy who died.

In the face of the physical injuries, Hey decided not to pursue the minor legal violations related to seat belt use.

"I have to look at three mothers who have been to the boardwalk who are driving back home," Hey said of the group coming from

Santa Cruz. Other than the seat belt violation, they "were not doing anything wrong," he said.

Nuñez said she and the other two women were negligent in letting the children ride without seat belts. She said she will be diligent about seat belt use now, adding, "This has been a bitter lesson."

"The one I'd like to get is the driver of the Honda," Hey said. "We'd be filing felony charges and maybe homicide — murder. His driving was just outrageous."

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EBMUD fined over asbestos in reservoirs' roofs

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

For the second time this year, state regulators have fined the East Bay Municipal Utility District for asbestos-related safety violations at its drinking-water reservoirs.

Inspections performed between May and July at the district's Danville and Sobraite reservoirs by the state Division of Occupational Safety and Health's Concord office found parts of the corrugated asbestos roofs to be crumbling.

Cal-OSHA cited the district for failing to clean up in a safe and timely manner asbestos-laden debris on the roof and around the perimeter of the Danville reservoir and for failing to prevent the deteriorating roof at Sobraite from releasing asbestos into the environment.

The \$5,700 in fines is on top of \$3,350 in penalties the state hit the district with in May for similar violations at two other reservoirs.

Asbestos, present in numerous building products, especially those pre-dating the early 1980s, is a carcinogen. With age, the products can become brittle, allowing asbestos fibers to disperse into the environment. When inhaled, fibers lodge in the lungs, where they can cause cancer and other lung diseases years later.

Cal-OSHA also cited the district for failing to put up signs at the covered drinking water storage reservoirs warning of the presence of asbestos-containing materials, failing to institute proper training programs, and failing to evaluate roof deterioration, conduct periodic inspections and correct unhealthy conditions and work procedures.

Fines for eight citations — five at Danville, three at Sobraite — total \$5,700.

EBMUD spokesman Charles Hardy said the district will concede two violations for a lack of signs — a condition he said has already been corrected — and the fine of \$600 for each. But the other citations will be appealed.

The Cal-OSHA investigation and an earlier one in the spring, were sparked when EBMUD gardeners and their union, Local 444 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, complained that the roofs at all eight reservoirs are crumbling, exposing workers — and perhaps the general public in the vicinity — to danger.

They also complained that for years, workers unaware of the dangers had used brooms, rakes and blowers to remove leaves, dirt and other debris from the roofs and perimeters.

The district's eight massive storage reservoirs are each covered with a roof best measured in acres. The Danville reservoir, capped with a roof of 2½ acres, and the Sobraite reservoir's 1½-acre roof are among the smallest. The Oakland Central reservoir has a roof spanning 18½ acres; Richmond's North reservoir is almost nine acres.

The roofs of EBMUD's six Contra Costa County drinking-water reservoirs in and two in Alameda County date from the early to mid-1960s and are made of transite, a corrugated asbestos product manufactured by the Johns Manville Corp. of Denver.

District officials say the roofs have a useful life of 60 years and thus need not be replaced for another 20 years or more. Because it has been so long since Johns Manville manufactured transite, company spokeswoman Melody Dunbar said no person or documents could be found to address the roofs' longevity.

In May, Cal-OSHA's Oakland office cited EBMUD for six violations at Oakland's Central and Berkeley's Claremont reservoirs. There the failure to promptly clean up waste and debris contaminated with asbestos was deemed "serious," defined by Cal-OSHA as a condition that "could lead to serious physical harm or death of an employee."

Violations cited this month at Sobraite and Danville are in the lesser category of "general."

The difference is "a matter of degree," said Cal-OSHA spokesman Dean Fryer.

Although Cal-OSHA announced in May it would inspect all six Contra Costa reservoirs, including those in Moraga, Walnut Creek, Pinole and Richmond, the agency closed its investigation without visiting those.

"We are basically extrapolating this (Sobraite and Danville investigation) out to the other reservoirs," Fryer said. Remedies mandated at Sobraite and Danville, to be completed by Aug. 15, will apply to the other Contra Costa reservoirs, Fryer said.

Scientifically, it would make as much sense to extrapolate the more serious results of the Oakland-Berkeley investigation to the uninspected reservoirs, Fryer said.

But regulators chose the Sobraite and Danville results because all of the Contra Costa reservoirs were included under one inspection number.

"It just gets better within that case," Fryer said.

Lenny McBride, business agent for Local 444, said extrapolation is a poor substitute for actual inspection. "I have serious questions how thorough the investigation was because there are reservoirs that weren't really investigated."

EBMUD is also appealing the citations and fines in the earlier investigation. No date has been set for that appeal to be heard and no documents have been submitted, Fryer said.

The legal team the district will use in appealing the spate of citations will not lack for expertise.

Bruce Lepore, the district's manager of workplace health and safety, has a second career as sole practitioner of the Hayward-based Law Office of Bruce A. Lepore, which specializes in defending employers against civil and criminal Cal-OSHA actions arising from in-

jury, illness or death.

Lepore also teaches a course for the Safety Center Inc. in Sacramento called "When OSHA Knocks." It teaches students, among other things, "what they must do to limit a citation's impact or have it entirely dismissed," according to a course description.

Lepore's dual careers trouble some district workers. "Isn't the role of the Health and Safety Manager to protect the employees from industrial illness and injury and not to 'protect the employer,'" reads a commentary in the June edition of Mainline, the publication of Local 444.

Hardy said such misgivings are unfounded. "What Bruce does outside, he does outside," Hardy said, likening Lepore to a moonlighting plumber. "It doesn't impact what he does for us. The two do not interact."

"When he's working for us, he carries out the district's mandate, which in his case is to do

the best for workplace safety."

Lepore did not return messages seeking comment.

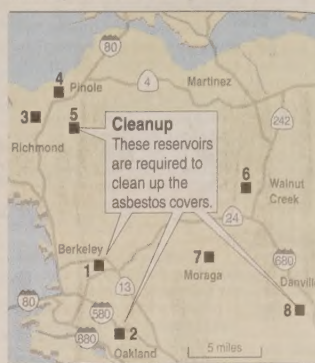
EBMUD board member Lesa McIntosh defended Lepore.

"There might be a perceived conflict," McIntosh said, "but that is not the standard that we're dealing with. Bruce doesn't work in a vacuum anyway. He's not the one making all the decisions," McIntosh said. "Everybody seems to be clear: There is no legal conflict. I don't see that there is a real issue."

McIntosh disagrees with the state citations. Even so, "we seem to have a problem, and we are going to do everything to rectify it. It's essential that our employees are safe, as well as those who visit us. 'We've asked (the staff) to look at all of the issues, including the useful life cycle (of the roofs),' McIntosh said, adding she has no reason to believe the assumption of a 60-year life span is wrong.

Reservoir cleanup

For the second time this year, the state has fined the East Bay Municipal Utility District for safety violations related to crumbling asbestos roofs at its drinking-water reservoirs. The district, facing a total of \$9,050 in fines, concedes two signage violations but is appealing a finding that the sloughing roof material poses a risk to staff gardeners.



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Roofs pose little risk to public

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

Regulatory and safety officials differ on whether crumbling transite, an asbestos roofing material over eight East Bay Municipal Utility District reservoirs, constitutes a hazard to the general public living, working or studying downwind. But most agreed there is little, if any, danger.

"The bottom line here is that as this transite disintegrates over time, a little at a time kind of flaked away," said Cal-OSHA spokesman Dean Fryer. "As it was cleaned up, there really wasn't enough found there that would have indicated there was severe exposure to employees."

Because Cal-OSHA deals only with workplace safety Fryer could not address what danger, if any, the roofs might represent to the general public.

Bob Trotter, enforcement officer for the federal Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco, said: "Asbestos diseases are normally associated with long-term, high exposure rates."

"For the release that this appears to be, it would be unlikely that you would have a high risk to the general public," Trotter said.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District doesn't regulate this type of asbestos issue. "We pretty much deal with demolition and renovation issues," said spokesman Ralph Borrmann.

Scott Hanson, Contra Costa County hazardous materials specialist, said if a transite roof becomes friable as a result of weathering, "it may constitute a hazard for the public."

The roof of EBMUD's North Reservoir, adjacent to Highland Elementary School in Richmond, has no impact on the campus, school officials said. "I feel con-

fident, given the history we have with the material (transite), that if there is any kind of asbestos fallout at all, it would remain localized," said Ed VanDerLinden, environmental officer and maintenance manager for the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

"We are not dealing with the type of material that's going to slough off huge amounts," he said, explaining that transite is more like concrete than the fluffy asbestos used to insulate pipes, which is more of a concern to safety officials. "Even if blown off by a leaf blower, (transite'll) come right down; the wind can't easily grab it."

EBMUD officials deny there is a threat to workers, let alone the general public. Air tests designed to simulate working conditions performed by an EBMUD contractor at several reservoirs earlier this year showed no exposure to airborne asbestos in excess of the Cal-OSHA limit of 0.1 asbestos fiber per cubic centimeter of air, said district spokesman Charles Hardy.

"These reservoirs are isolated from the general public," Hardy said. "It would follow that if it doesn't pose an airborne threat to people working there, it wouldn't pose a threat to people hundreds of yards away."

Linda Weiner, spokeswoman for the American Lung Association of the East Bay, said the Cal-OSHA standard is "not a health-based number" but "a risk-based number" at which Cal-OSHA deems the risk of lung cancer to be extremely low.

"The bottom line," Weiner said, "is that zero exposure is the only number one can say is totally healthy."

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Magnificent Mediterranean-style villa in Oakland's Piedmont Pines

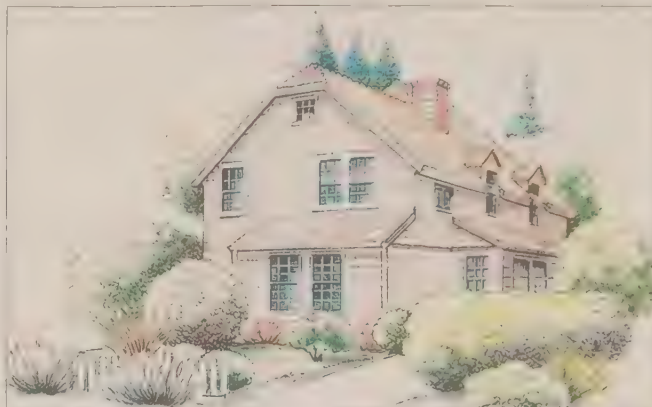
Designing from over 2 years of experience and construction is a Mediterranean-style home at 6557 Ascot Drive in Oakland. The home features five bedrooms, four and one-half bathrooms, and a full Italian Serravallo of Serravallo Construction, teamed with Thompson of Thompson Properties to create the architectural gem that complements the Smith Estate home across the street on Ascot Drive (near Skyline Boulevard).

Thompson knew that if he was going to build a house from the ground up that it had to be a statement of quality, function and timeless design.

That timeless design and quality start at the entry with "peek-of-the-bay" views, expansive ceilings, butternut walls, cherry cabinetry, and inlaid oak floors. At the center of the home, a generous staircase linking the floors,

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Historic Craftsman gem in Elmwood



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 This remarkable block of Etna Street in Berkeley's Elmwood District is a treasure trove of some of the most-favored signature turn-of-the-century architectural styles. Set in the midst of this historic splendor is 2615 Etna St. Architect Edward Blake Seely designed the home for himself and his family in 1895. A well-known colleague of Julia Morgan and

Edward Holmes, Edward Seely (1864-1938) descended from a Colonial family who lived in Connecticut in the 17th century. When he began to take an active part in the Berkeley architectural community in the late 1800s, Seely received design commissions from many prominent families. His designs show a high degree of sophistication and style. Today, this Craftsman-

style house and separate cottage are tucked away from the street in a quiet and park-like oasis just minutes away from Elmwood shops, restaurants, cafes and old-fashioned bakeries. While the charming home maintains its historic character, the location provides the proximity to transportation and shopping that make the

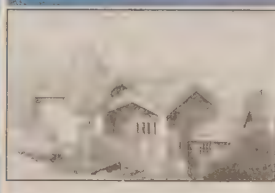
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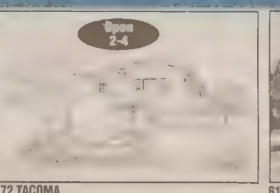
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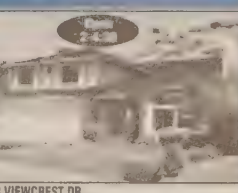
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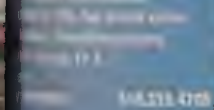
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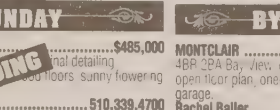
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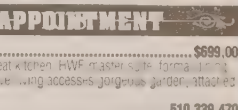
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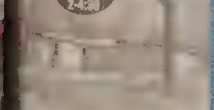
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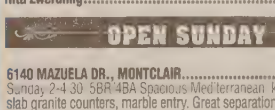
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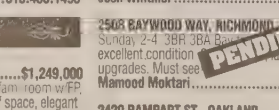
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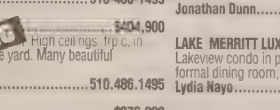
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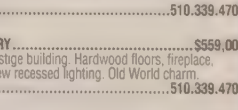
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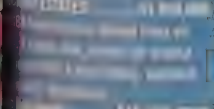
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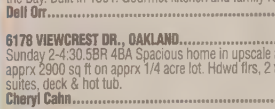
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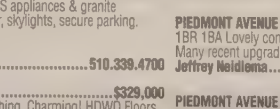
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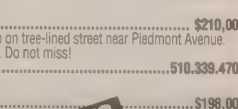
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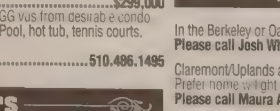
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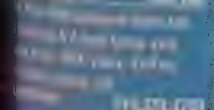
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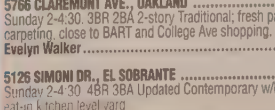
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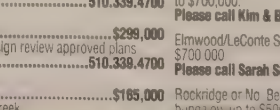
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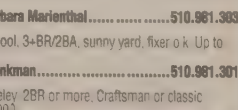
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Inform Meeting in Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the **Alameda Association of Realtors**. The next meeting is at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 13. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information, contact **Remy Boyd** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Talking Walls

The Lawrence Hall of Science, in Berkeley presents "If These Walls Could Talk: An Exhibit About Buildings," now through Sept. 8. Visitors learn about ancient and modern structures. "Walls" has ten activity stations focused on building. To find out more visit the Web site at www.lawrencehallofscience.org or call 510-634-8980.

Do-It-Yourself

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeduct.org.

McCormack's Guides

The 2002 McCormack's Guides are available. These relocation and newcomer guide books are more than a directory. The books are loaded with information such as academic rankings for local public schools. SAT scores for local high schools, city

profiles and directories of hospitals and private schools. Want to know where to go and what to do? It's in the Guide. Buy 10 or more for a savings of over 50 percent. For costs and order information call 1-800-222-3602.

RENTAL HOUSING MEETING

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is **Marsha Jackson**, discussing the negative effects of "Just Cause." For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

WANTED: COMMERCIAL BROKERS

Bob Valva of **Valva Realty** invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 8, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend, call Valva at 510-451-7317.

POLISH UP THOSE GOLF SHOES

Tee off with the Berkeley Association of Realtors at their annual Golf Tournament and Barbecue Dinner. The tourney date is Monday, August 5, at the Tilden Park Golf Course, in Berkeley. Organize your own foursome and win some of the many contest and raffle prizes. If you don't do golf, but enjoy the camaraderie, join the golfers for dinner. Polish your clubs and golf shoes, then call **Shawn Moore** of Thousand Oaks Financial at 510-559-3330 or **Steve Yoshimura** of Nakamura Realty at 510-846-2724.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Talk about 1031 Exchanges and you're sure to hear **Lloyd Kendall's** name mentioned. Kendall has been structuring these like-kind real estate exchanges for twenty years. He also educates members of the real estate community on this topic.



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Lawyers' Asset Management invites industry partners to help Kendall celebrate his twenty years in the business at a reception in his honor. The reception will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at the Oakland Museum of California. Your reservation is requested at 510-992-5626.

OAR CLASSES

The Oakland Association of Realtors offers an opportunity for seasoned agents and first-time renewal the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) Basic Designation Course. This two-day seminar is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16. The instructor is Broker **Carmen Lostetter**. Agents can complete their continuing education with "Cyber Agent." Attend a one-hour seminar at OAR and go home. Take your final exam on-line. You'll receive your results instantly with on-screen grading. The seminar is Friday, August 9. For tuition information, call 408-888-2364 or register online at www.cyberagent.com.

...AND CRACKERJACKS

Take me out to the ball game. Join the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter presents the annual President's Party, a tailgate and baseball night. Food and fun begin at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 2. Game time (the Oakland A's versus the Detroit Tigers) is 7 p.m. For ticket information call **Frankie Hartwell** of Midnight Appraisal at 510-638-1755 or **Ingrid Westgard** at 510-339-2380.

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New state regulations now make it faster and easier to get a broker license. Attendees will learn changes and revisions, math shortcuts and test tips. Receive live class test preparation with instructor **Minnie Lush**. For more information, call Executive Programs at 1-800-416-1996.

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Searching for the perfect home It may be right in front of you

Return to Number 315 from March 2000 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We would all prefer our heart's desire; it's just human nature. But in this crazed housing market, when people are making bids on a number of houses and coming up empty handed, perfection may not be in the cards.

An agent friend told us recently that all of her buyers last year who said from the start, "I'm going to buy a house," did. They're living in them now. Other would-be buyers who put it a different way — "I think I would like to buy a house" — are still looking. Some have been priced out of the market by now and probably won't be buying at all, at least not in this area.

Not that these shoppers have stopped their search; they're looking still. More and more time is spent, more houses are rejected, and in the process, something happens. These people stop looking for a house and instead look for, wait for, an experience.

They wish to be felled, knocked over, to be unmistakably lost in wonder by some house somewhere, one they haven't found. No bolt of lightning? Wrong house.

I don't want to tell you that you must give up all of your dreams. Miracles do occasionally occur. In fact, we've seen them happen, been there when a buyer walked into a house and was happily struck. Once we even sold a house to a woman who had no idea she was going to buy. Just for the fun of it, she went to one open house. The house "grabbed her" and "made her" buy it.

You do not want to be the buyer who is waiting to be seduced. It's just too iffy. Consider instead an alternative: Keep looking, but try seeing houses differently. We think that if you are not expecting to be swept off your feet, if you can see possibilities that you didn't see before, you can get something good, a house that you will be glad to have and live in.

My own house is an example, a ranch style house of no particular distinction. I didn't like it when I first saw it because it is from, I feel, the wrong era. Uninteresting materials were used in ugly ways

in building it, and this particular house, even brand new, was not the best of the lot. My house has mismatched door handles, dated Formica, many carpeted rooms without finished floors under them and, typical of its type, skimpy door and window casings.

Why did I buy it? Good reason number one: I could afford it.

There were other reasons, good things about my house that I discovered when I paid attention. It is a block from the schools that my children attended for 8 years. They could walk to school each day and I could walk there, too — for back-to-school night, to deliver cupcakes for birthdays and so forth. Very handy.

Another bonus: Four sets of French doors open to the backyard making my garden an extension of our living space, and in the neighbor's yard is a glorious ginkgo tree that turns from green to rich gold every fall.

The aluminum windows, which I loathe, do function. They slide back and forth and keep the rain out, and they won't rot. These virtues will not keep me from replacing them with wooden windows when I can afford to, but for now, they do fine.

I wouldn't be in my house, wouldn't have these things, if I'd been waiting for a golden light to descend upon me as I walked in the door the first time. In fact, I believe my husband said upon entering, "Why would anyone want to buy this house?" In order to choose to buy it, we had to see the possibilities.

This same sort of experience happened to some clients of ours last fall. They and their teenager daughter considered quite a number of houses before making offers on four. All four were big, old Berkeley shingle type houses, the kind that many people prefer. Box beam ceilings, window seats, natural wood wainscoting, knicker brick fireplaces — the wonderful stuff done around the early part of the century, never to be done again in the same way.

Although this family bid far higher than list price on the houses of their choice, they lost them all. And, as these bids were made over a period of about a year, by the time the last one was rejected, it was easy to see that prices had gone beyond what they could comfortably afford.

Then one day, in the neighborhood where they most wanted to live, a ranch style house came on the market. This house is better built than my own; it has hardwood floors throughout and it has been fairly well maintained. It does not, however, resemble most of the neighboring houses as it was built quite a few years after them and what was used to build it are latter-day materials: Aluminum windows and sliding glass doors, laminate counters in the kitchen, cultured marble in the baths.

When our clients first saw the house, they rejected it; it was not anything like what they were wishing for. But then they thought about it and — here is the part that caused them to buy this house — the price, the location, the size of the house and the yard were all right. Plus they had the unexpected luxury, almost unheard of these days, of making



If you are not expecting to be off your feet, see possibilities you didn't see

an offer to buy without a petition from anyone was the only offer

They did have one thing in common: They are mostly gone. They've lived in the area for several months and are planning the changes they are making. Different separate teen suite, baths more to their liking.

Other clients have hired us as consultants to buy a house that had no intention of being a house they had lived in for a number of years. When we met to talk, they said that they considered buying a much less than one kitchen was old and roof leaked, there were trees on the property and, besides, it was too small.

But they and all longings were already house, they didn't want another place to rent. They expected would cost more than they were currently paying most of all, they did not move.

These are not the with a hammer. In our case, we considered when we buy this house, the information from the work that would have thoughtful suggestions.

It took a couple of gather information, and find that the cost the house would be more than renting it.

Still, they were extremely nervous about up to the time they saw their money and signed papers. No toast was opened, no toast was day the house became

But later, after the and tight, trees were other repairs made, friendly toward the home came more likable.

I think this must happen with some know: As we grow and enjoy them, they come more beautiful.

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Elmwood

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Elmwood one of the most desirable Berkeley neighborhoods today.

When you approach this two-story shingled house through its Mediterranean gardens toward the side entrance, you'll notice the generous banks of small-paned casement windows on the first floor and its row of dormers on the second floor. The gable overhangs the second story and a brick chimney rises up through the center of the home. The home has fireplaces in downstairs as well as upstairs rooms.

The entry stairwell is lit from a window at the top of the stairs and the charming interior has an open, flowing floor plan. The living room's original redwood paneling complements the Colonial-style fireplace and adds richness and color to the architecture of the room. The adjoining dining room, also with fireplace and many old details, looks out into the picturesque garden. The generous kitchen, with its separate pantry and laundry facility opens

VITAL STATISTICS

What: Historic Edward Blake Seely-designed two-story home and cottage on 2615 Etna St. In the historic Elmwood district of Berkeley.
Size: Approximately 2,659 square feet on a 6,750 square-foot lot.
Bedrooms: Three plus a large sun room.
Bathroom: One and one-half.
Features: Quiet tree-lined street; three fireplaces, original wood paneling; park-like garden, separate large one-bedroom cottage that can be used as a rental or in-law unit.
Price: \$749,000.
Listing agent: Colette Ford, Fine Homes Specialist, Prudential California Realty, Berkeley, 510-848-1093, or see the home online at www.prweb.com/coletteford

into the back yard, where a brick terrace creates an ideal setting for entertaining guests on summer evenings.

Upstairs, three spacious and bright bedrooms have many original built-ins, antique fixtures, moldings and ample storage space. The master bedroom with its slanted ceilings has its own fireplace and is reminiscent of another century.

Both of the other bedrooms open into a large sun room that one could use as a library, office, or playroom. An unfinished attic provides ample storage space

for additional belongings. The whole interior of the house has been freshly repainted and subtly updated.

Outside, a discrete brick walkway leads you to a charming redwood garden cottage towards the rear of the lot, a typical feature of the properties in this neighborhood.

Many of these cottages were built in response to the 1906 earthquake as temporary homes or as music studios. This one has two rooms, a kitchen and bathroom, thus creating an ideal rental unit or guest cottage.

Villa

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features a custom designed wrought-iron railing resembling ribbons of grapevines.

On the main floor, the dining room, living room, and kitchen-family room are perfect for entertaining large or small gatherings. State-of-the-art appliances, striking interior and exterior lighting, solid stone countertops, in-laid granite, a glassed-in wine room, surround sound wiring, barrel and vaulted ceilings, tiled patio, "fish-head" fountain, and a home theater make up a small part of the home's fabulous details.

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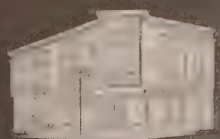
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Monitoring indicators to predict interest-rate fluctuations

The window opened? Are we currently at their own? Over 40 years, still going strong. It's time to fix that old mortgage. Fixed rates can and usually do. We are always better rates going, up or down. We know, but many outside influences on any crystal ball has been around for several years. We don't know exactly what interest rates will be for next month. There are indicators that we follow that may help predict the future.

Fears of inflation. Throughout the month we get daily economic reports that measure how the economy is doing. Some reports have indicated that we may be seeing signs of recovery, but slower than originally expected. That means that fears of inflation (which is very bad for the bond market) have eased.

Greenspan speaks. Mr. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank and often-considered the most powerful person in the economy can send markets reeling with just one of his thoughts. He is the man with the finger on the pulse of the economy. His primary goal, it seems, is low inflation.

All of us in the industry hold our breath every six to eight weeks as Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) convene to discuss short-term and long-term interest rates and monetary policy for the federal government. Greenspan and his committee reduced the Fed Funds Rate (what the federal government and lenders charge each other for overnight rates) 12 times last year. That did not automatically reduce the prime rate, which affects consumer and commercial rates, but the lenders usually react closely behind the announcement. Last month the committee decided neither to raise nor drop interest rates.

Sometimes a reduction in the short term rates can actually increase long term rates initially. The reduction usually has investors pulling dollars out of the bond market and putting them into the stock market. This can cause bond yields to rise. Over the long term, however, mortgage rates usually will decline. People interested in mortgages don't like it when short term interest rates rise. They hate it when long term interest rates rise.

Stock Market and Overseas Markets. We all witnessed Black Monday, October 1997, when the Asian Markets crashed. This dragged down our markets. Then bonds reacted dramatically and dropped the yield at one point to an annual yield of 6.06 percent. As our markets recovered the 30 year long bond yield shot back to 6.25 percent. Again, in August 1999, the bond yield dropped all the way to 4.75 percent, but shot back to 5.25 percent within three days. Currently, the 10 year bond rate is hovering around 4.75 percent and has been trading between 4.75 and 4.85 percent.

Sometimes a rally in the bond market will spur the stock market and they react favorably together. Sometimes we just throw our arms up, shrug and say, "Oh well."

National and World Events. National catastrophes like major floods or earthquakes impact the bond market. Every time Iraq's Saddam starts saber rattling or the two, he shakes up the market as well as our nerves.

The troubles in Afghanistan have made stock market investors queasy and there has been a flight to quality, so bonds are holding pretty steady. Usually circumstances like these generate bad news for the bond market.

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Honoring Lloyd W. Kendall

BY BOBBIE REID

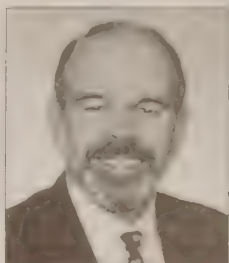
When the subject of 1031 Exchanges is discussed, it won't be long before the name Lloyd Kendall is mentioned. Exchanges are Kendall's avocation, as well as his vocation.

In his 20-year career, tax savings for his clients estimated to be in excess of \$1 billion. When he's not busy servicing clients, Kendall educates real estate professionals about the exchange process through workshops.

Lloyd W. Kendall, Jr. is a tax attorney. Before entering private practice, he was employed by the U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service.

He is the founder and president of Lawyers Asset Management, Inc. (LAMI). LAMI and Kendall are celebrating 20 years of business in the Bay Area.

The organization will honor Kendall's commitment to the economic empowerment of local businesses at a reception from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23. LAMI invites its clients and real estate partners to help honor Kendall with their attendance. Artwork is the backdrop for the reception, to be held at the Oakland Museum of California.



LOYD W. KENDALL

"I see this reception," Kendall commented, "as an opportunity to express my gratitude to the professionals in the real estate industry I have educated and to my clients for their business."

Reservations are requested no later than Monday, Aug. 19. Call 510-992-5626

Prudential California ranks eighth in nation

National Association of Realtors announces sales rankings

In three states, including California, Nevada, and Texas, in 2001, the company showed a strong year despite a weakened national economy and the dot-com downturn in the California market.

"The economy saw a bit of a slowdown overall, but by adding new regions and offices to our operating portfolio, we were able to diminish our risk and remain strong," explained Krafchow, who in October of 2001 added eight offices in the booming Dallas, Texas region to give him three major states in which his affiliation operates. The company has recently added offices in key markets including Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, Nevada; Sonoma, California; Mountain View, California; and Plano,

Texas, giving the company more than 115 offices.

"Real estate has truly been the backbone of the economy over the past couple of years," said Krafchow. "This year is off to a strong first and second quarter. In fact, we expect to see our sales, transactions, and our ranking nationally climb in light of a strong market in all of our operating regions."

The National Relocation and Real Estate Magazine, a NAR publication, publishes the Power Brokers Report. Ranking results are supported by audited accounting transcripts provided by brokerages for accuracy. The full ranking report can be obtained by contacting NAR or going online to its Web site at www.nrsmedia.com.

Are you planning to remodel your home?

Free seminar shows you how to make it a success

If you or someone you know is considering a professional remodel, Your Remodel: How To Make It A Success! can show you how to maximize the value and rewards of your project as well as minimize frustration. This seminar will be held in Orinda.

Paul Winans of Winans Construction, Inc. will cover such topics as pre-design and zoning, understanding the design process, tips for setting a realistic budget during a period of ever-increasing costs, choosing and working with a professional contractor, and the specific steps you can take to ensure that your project is successful.

A recipient of numerous local and national awards, Winans Construction is a 24-year old firm specializing in residential remodeling in the East Bay. Co-owners Paul and Nina Winans are both

National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Certified Remodelers. Paul has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years and writes the From the Ground Up column on construction for Hills Publications. You can visit their Web site at www.wincon-inc.com

The seminar will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15 at the new Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way in Orinda. Call 510-653-7288 to register

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LISA AND STEVE SCHLIFF (front), owners of On The Beam Remodeling, celebrate having been named one of the "Big50" best remodeling companies in America by Remodeling Magazine. The 16-year-old company provides a full range of services from large additions and kitchen and bath remodels to window installations and exquisite ceramic tile work. Behind the Schliffs (from left) are staff members: John Seravic, subcontractor; Kevin Kechely, apprentice carpenter; Thien Vuong, journeyman carpenter; Hoa Nguyen, project manager; Allen Romano, project manager; and Pam Boyle, independent contractor

Oakland contractor recognized as one of the best for fine design work

■ On The Beam Remodeling named to Remodeling Magazine's 'Big50'

ON THE BEAM REMODELING
The editors of Remodeling Magazine have selected On The Beam Remodeling as one of the "Big50" best remodeling companies in America.

Steve and Lisa Schliff — husband-wife owners of the Oakland-based firm — received the award in May at the publication's Remodeling Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. The magazine recognized On The Beam Remodeling for its fine design and innovative practices. The 16-year-old company provides a full range of services from large additions and

kitchen and bath remodels to window installations and exquisite ceramic tile work. The company's 2001 revenue was \$870,000.

As Big50 honorees, the Schliffs will serve as expert sources for future articles published in Remodeling Magazine.

"Teamwork has been the key to our success," said Lisa Schliff. "We take care of our staff and crew, they take care of us, and we all take care of the homeowner."

On The Beam Remodeling's seven-member staff includes Steve Schliff, general contractor; Lisa Schliff, marketing and office manager; Broheen Elias, administrative assistant; Allen Romano, project manager; Hoa Nguyen, project manager; Thien Vuong, journeyman carpenter; and Kevin

Kechely, apprentice carpenter.

On The Beam Remodeling is a member of the Splitter Group, Business Networks and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, where Lisa serves on the San Francisco Bay Area chapter's board of directors and as the newsletter editor.

For more information visit the company Web site at www.onthebeamremodeling.com.

Some easements can make a deal uneasy

■ Before you buy, make sure you search the title for these agreements

Several years ago, a homeowner sold the home he'd lived in for over 25 years. After reviewing the title search of the property, he informed his real estate agent that the title company had missed a sewer easement.

According to the seller, the sewer easement granted the right for the sewer line from his house to cross the neighbor's property to hook up to the city sewer.

A more thorough search of the title record revealed that a sewer easement in favor of the seller did not exist. Apparently, the property in question had been part of a larger property. When the house was built in the 1920s, a sewer

easement wasn't necessary. At that time, the sewer line didn't cross anyone else's property.

The property was subdivided a couple of decades later and the newly created parcel was sold. From that time on, the sewer line crossed property belonging to someone else. Unfortunately, someone forgot to record a sewer easement in favor of the first property when the lot was split.

The seller asked the neighboring homeowner to grant him a sewer easement, but he refused. As a result, the seller's sale fell apart because the buyer wouldn't purchase the property without a sewer easement. To sell the property, the seller ultimately had to relocate the sewer line, at considerable expense.

Perhaps you think this is an isolated incident. Not so. A similar situation occurred during the sale of

another property by an owner-builder who had subdivided the property.

Again, the owner-builder granted for the sewer line to cross the neighboring property. This was caught by the title company. The property was a nice home and a nice neighborhood. The sewer line was created and installed through.

HOUSE HUNTING of your due diligence of any property where and how to the main sewer, or drain, to the property, find out

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New and Existing Home Sales. When these indicators are up too much it could indicate that the economy is heating up too quickly and fuel inflation fears. This is not good news for the bond market. The same is true for New Home Construction starts, which measure the number of residential units on which construction has been started each month. Monthly percentage changes reflect the rate of change of such activity.

Producer Price Index (PPI). The producer price index tells us the wholesale cost of goods. If they are paying much more than in past months, it will affect the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and how much we will be paying for goods at the retail level.

Retail Sales. This measures

how the major retailers are doing based on same stores' sales by month versus last year's sales. It also gives an indication as to how much and where consumers are spending their money. It is a good indicator as to how well the economy is doing.

Weekly and Monthly Jobless Claims. This is the big one. When the unemployment figures are down, more people are working and making money to fuel the economy. For some reason the Fed thinks this fuels fears of inflation and as I mentioned before, inflation is bad for the bond market. Current business scandals and huge layoffs in the tech industry have sent unemployment

to the highest level in years. I think we are going to see interest rates for a while.

It is a sad state of affairs that it's the bad news that is good news. It's good that interest rates are low. It's good that you are getting your money. That's the Mortgage. It all.

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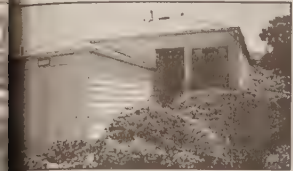
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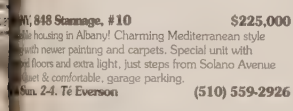
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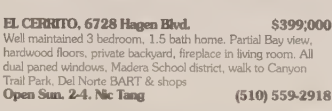
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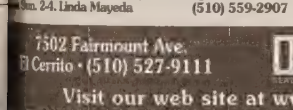
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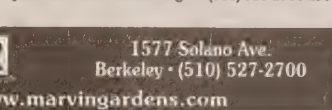
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recorded easement that grants permission for the line to cross the property.

Easements secured against a property grant use of a portion of the property to someone else. Common easements are for utilities, ingress and egress and sewers. If your sewer line passes over your neighbor's property and there isn't a recorded easement in your favor, you may have difficulty repairing the line. Even worse, you could be required to abandon the line.

Establishing the exact location of an easement is important, particularly if you intend to make ren-

ovations to your property. You can't build over an easement. So if someone else has an easement in his or her favor that crosses your property, have the title officer locate the easement on a plat map of your property. The easement location could interfere with your building plans.

The title search report may give you sketchy information on easements recorded against the property. If so, ask the title expert to provide you with a complete copy of the recorded easement. If you don't understand what it says, ask a title expert or a knowledgeable real estate attorney for an explanation.

One couple bought a home without paying much attention to the title search. After they had lived

there for a few years they wanted to fence the property for privacy and protection. When the property was surveyed, they discovered that an easement in favor of the neighbor made their fencing plans impossible.

THE CLOSING: Before you buy, make sure that you have a complete understanding of all the easements affecting the property.

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Q &A: Toilets that rock might just

BY THE CAREY BROTHERS

Q. I am remodeling our basement bathroom and am ready to set the toilet. However, the tiled concrete floor is not level. When I test-fitted the toilet it could be leveled with shims on three sides (gap ranges from one-quarter inch to three-eighths inch). Is this OK or should I strive for more contact between the floor and the toilet?

A. No especially if the floor is not flat and the toilet rocks. This condition can allow the toilet to leak or, under certain conditions, can cause the toilet to crack.

Shims are one way of dealing with the problem. But don't use wood ones. Wood and water don't mix. A bathroom can be a rather

damp place and wood shims will promptly rot, leading to bigger problems. Plastic shims are available specifically for this purpose. Shims are used where the gap does not exceed a quarter inch.

Because your gap is greater than a quarter inch, we suggest the following fix. Put the toilet into place and make a pencil mark on the floor around the base of the toilet. Shim it up with plastic shims. The outside edge of the shims should be held in about one-eighth inch from the pencil line. Remove the toilet and install one or more wax rings at the underside of the toilet.

Next, mix up a small batch of epoxy mortar. Place a continuous mound of mortar between the outside of the closet flange and the in-

side of the pencil mark. Be sure not to disturb the wax paper and lower the toilet to the anchor it. Use a utility knife to trim the excess mortar, leaving a bead of latex caulk at the joint. Once the toilet is up, use a utility knife to trim the excess mortar, leaving a bead of latex caulk at the joint between the toilet and the flange. The paper prevents the underside of the toilet from becoming out of the toilet.

Complete the job by installing a new wax ring at the joint between the toilet and the flange. The paper prevents the underside of the toilet from becoming out of the toilet.

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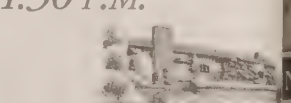
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 1535 Prince St - \$430,000
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 6403 Conlon Av - \$382,000
 6427 Conlon Av - \$370,000
 6449 Conlon Av - \$335,000
 6612 Cutting Bl - \$365,000
 7302 Gladys Av - \$450,000
 6765 Glen Mawr Av - \$465,000
 2063 Junction Av - \$454,000
 7321 Lynn Av - \$535,000
 3032 San Mateo St - \$280,000

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 23 Kirkpatrick Dr - \$425,000
 5754 Robinhood Dr - \$360,000

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 4 Admiral #B33 - \$240,000
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 6363 Christie #1812 - \$275,000
 3 Commodore #B15 - \$329,000

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 9 Anson Wy - \$627,000
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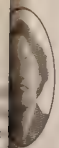
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bedroom Craftsman in front and a
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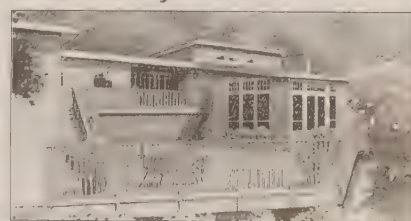
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5556 Bacon Rd. - \$1,049,000
3229 Boston Av. - \$263,000
6 Buckley Ct. - \$553,000
280 Caldecott #320 - \$269,000
5453 Camden St. - \$345,000
13634 Campus Dr. - \$829,000
645 Chetwood #101 - \$305,000
3445 Coolidge Av. - \$337,000
2206 Courtland Av. - \$250,000
2362 Courtland Av. - \$275,000
454 Darien Av. - \$235,000
2532 Delmer St. - \$450,000
5528 Edgerly St. - \$270,000
4760 El Centro Av. - \$610,000
7112 Fresno St. - \$218,000

3779 Fruitvale Av. - \$400,000
4025 Fruitvale Av. - \$490,000
8338 Golf Links Rd. - \$284,000
606 Gravatt Dr. - \$960,000
3961 Greenwood - \$585,000
4429 Harbor View - \$427,000
6170 Harbord Dr. - \$625,000
6645 Heather Ridge - \$575,000
907 Hillcroft Cr. - \$950,000
385 Jayne Av. #209 - \$185,000
125 Kerwin Av. - \$199,000
3460 Laguna Av. - \$325,000
1555 Lakeside #142 - \$250,000
3826 Lincoln Av. - \$380,000
9921 Longfellow Av. - \$260,000
4045 Lyman Rd. - \$627,000
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3829 Madrone Av. - \$372,000
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2745 Maxwell Av. - \$380,000
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2612 Montana St. - \$348,000
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3712 Nevil St. - \$322,000
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377 Palm Av. #205 - \$250,000
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4921 Proctor Av. - \$1,182,000
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This luxury condominium is located in the Bellevue Towers on the 21st floor and features panoramic views from the hills to the Bay. Two bedrooms, two baths including a master suite. Updated throughout with granite kitchen counters, recessed lighting, crown moldings, roman shades, and new appliances. Gym, pool, clubhouse and doorman included.

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5 White Court. New 5BR/3.5BA const. w/meticulous attention to detail in serene, private setting.
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Urban Retreat \$950,000
One acre with gated entrance. Contemporary home all on one level with panoramic views & decks.
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$649,000**
6638 Saroni. Handsome Montclair 4BR/3BA Traditional w/hdwd. floors, marble flpl., and decks.
CB Rose
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$639,000**
5760 Chelton. Light-filled Contemporary 4BR/2BA. Golden Gate view home w/private yard.
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★ **Open Sunday \$595,000**
5314 Thomas. Rockridge charm! 3BR, private yard, hardwood floor, garage. Walk to College Ave/BART. Great!
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$589,000**
1357 Bates. Charming remodeled 3BR/2BA Mediterranean beauty w/gourmet kit., hdwd. floors and deck.
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Crocker Highlands \$549,000
Sophisticated Traditional 3BR/1BA, FDR, gumwood buffet & mantel, stunning custom kitchen, lovely garden.
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$465,000**
8073 Hansom Dr. Fabulous 4BR/2BA all-level Eichler w/central atrium.
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★ **Open Sun. 2-5 \$425,000**
3858 Fruitvale. Picture Perfect Tudor. Beautiful 2+BR/1BA, patio dining, updated kit., flpl., hdwd. flrs. Move-in condition.
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$399,000**
200 Lakeside Dr. #302. Rare Opportunity! Superb 1BR of grand & elegant proportions in prestigious & coveted bldg. Near BART, Fwy., & bus dist.
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BERKELEY/ALBANY



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2615 Etna. Original details. 3+BR/1.5BA, study, sunroom, 3 fireplaces & large 1BR cottage. Best neighborhood. Spacious garden.
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★ **Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$499,000**
1361 Santa Fe. Cheery Craftsman. 2+BR/2BA. Nice yard, redone kit. Great location near shops & BART.
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North Berkeley! \$498,000
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Fruit, Roses & Duplex \$450,000
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Berkeley Campus Close \$400,000
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Cute 2+BR/1BA \$389,000
2111 Woolsey. Bungalow w/detached studio in urban environment. Needs TLC.
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1318 4th St. Live/work 3BR/1BA. Over 1600 sq. ft. Gorgeous & updated! Great light. Patio!
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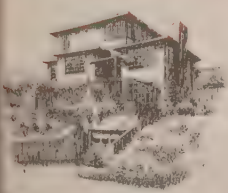


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Move right in! Sweet split-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has remodeled kitchen & bath, beautiful fireplace & hardwood floors & good natural light. Plus garage with inside access.

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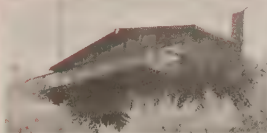
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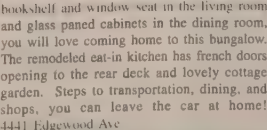
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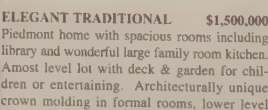
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Lot

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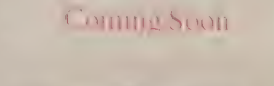
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Sales

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17 Wood St - \$292,000
3243 Wyman St - \$445,000
811 York St #117 - \$376,000

PIEDMONT

20 Echo Ln - \$660,000

RICHMOND

141 16th St - \$155,000
21 2nd St - \$262,000
818 34th St - \$287,000
534 5th St - \$207,000

125 7th St - \$254,000
4313 Bell Wy - \$229,000
3955 Center Av - \$220,000
2806 Chanslor Av - \$260,000
3006 Colette Dr - \$268,000
1266 Greenway Dr - \$325,000
3015 Howard St - \$280,000
1700 Larkspur Pl - \$360,000
3511 Lowell Av - \$236,000
170 Malcolm Dr - \$310,000
3762 N. Stoneglen - \$205,000
1618 Pennsylvania Av - \$240,000
4330 Roosevelt Av - \$310,000
4125 Rosewood Av - \$240,000
2140 Sand Dollar Dr - \$325,000
3921 Selmi - \$407,500
2657 Sheldon Dr - \$285,500
210 South 20th St - \$250,000

1527 South 26th St - \$280,000
449 South 26th St - \$295,000
3000 Wiswall Dr - \$330,000

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14882 Acacia St - \$377,000
302 Accolade Dr - \$395,000
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392 Alvarado St - \$504,500
422 Alvarado St - \$505,000
15660 Baypoint Av - \$545,000
1555 Beechwood Av - \$376,500
693 Billings Bl - \$308,000
1647 Cedar Av - \$345,000
15372 Churchill St - \$410,000
400 Davis St #312 - \$265,000
47 Dutton Av - \$365,500

15364 Edgemore St - \$358,000
14371 Elm St - \$350,000
1325 Fargo Av - \$325,000
942 Figueroa Dr - \$365,500
878 Joaquin Av - \$550,000
925 Magnolia Ct - \$330,000
1645 Magnolia Ln - \$465,000
14845 Midland Rd - \$310,000
1512 Pierce Av - \$275,000
1566 Randy St - \$320,000
14840 Wake Av - \$325,000
771 Warden Av - \$260,000
449 W. Broadmoor - \$265,000

SAN LORENZO

1864 Via Amigos - \$326,000
16114 Via Andeta - \$340,000

1569 Via Escondido - \$345,000
73 Via Linares - \$251,500
1417 Via Manzanitas - \$345,000
1491 Via Vista - \$390,000

LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$325,000

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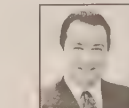
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HIGHEST PRICE: \$612,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$415,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$435,400

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$307,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,170,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$655,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$613,333

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$535,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$446,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$412,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$425,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$392,500

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TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$205,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$329,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$262,250

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$627,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$693,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 33
LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,269,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$440,614

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$660,00

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 35

LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$407,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$268,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$272,840

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 25
LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$358,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$372,520

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TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$251,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$332,917

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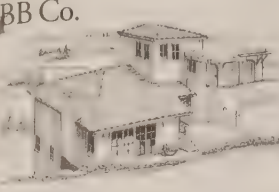
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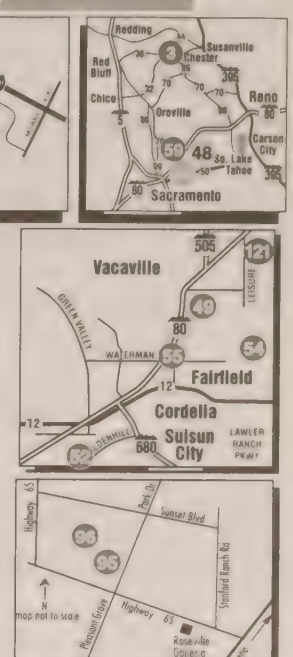
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1BD, Large, Sunny \$990

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OAKLAND 1bd/1ba. Glenview District, lower duplex apartment. 2 bdr. 1 bath. 1 car. \$29-2901

Renov. Indry. prking. \$125 + sec. dep. Nonsmking. no pets 510-521-6445

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Spacious, laundry fac.,
Hardwood floors, central
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deck/spa overlooking
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WOODEN Fld deck

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ny, gar 1449 E. 33rd
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 Minutes to SF
 \$2100 Move-in \$5200 No
 1BD, 1 blk to Lakeshore
 2BD/2BA downstairs, fresh
 painted, \$900/mo + \$100
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Almond Ave 2BD/1 1/2 BA 4-
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Apartment 925-447-1144

apartment, new kitchen
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yard area \$10-420-8688

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3rd unit, 1/2 BA, 2 car
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Drive
cious 3BD 2BA Twinhm At-
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2BD/1 1/2 BA, AC, W/D, car-

deposit: 925, 833-8933

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3BD/1 1/2BA, nr Bart/Larkey
Bkld 1600, 3rd flr, ind. do.
\$975 Chris (925) 883-3244

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dated, Nonsmkg, no pets
1800, South Gate, \$1200
\$5500 5500 5500

1505 Kirker Pass Rd
KIRKER PASS RD

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flr, Sfr, quiet non-smoking
building 510; 658-8467

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retired Victorian 5-plex
\$450 925-286-7112

& hot tub Cls to Blackhawk
\$2300/mo (925) 788-1111

dogs ok pvt parking
\$1450 925-286-7112

2bd/2ba split unit drl
fplc gar yd w/d hook-
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No pets \$675 mo
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Cpt d/p's kit, upgrades ex-
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St. prking Nonsmoking no
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Xplosion perfect on way to AAU championship

By Jennifer Starks
STAFF WRITER

The East Bay Xplosion underdog girls basketball team returned to familiar territory last month when it competed in the AAU national tournament.

Only this time, the team came home with a championship trophy. For the second consecutive season, the Xplosion advanced to the final four of the AAU tournament. Last year, the squad turned back when it finished in fourth place. This year, the Xplosion was determined to do even better, and

that's exactly what it did.

The Xplosion captured Northern California's first AAU national title with its 79-64 win over the Air Oklahoma Stars in Rochester, Minn.

"This time we knew what we had to do," coach Mark Anger said. "Experience is tremendously important. You've got to be there and be prepared for what you're going to face. The team had a lot of confidence. These girls play really well together."

Seventy teams from throughout the country participated in the tournament. The Xplosion

went through the field unscathed, finishing with a 9-0 record.

To say the Xplosion dominated the early phase of the AAU tournament would be an understatement. East Bay cruised through pool play, winning three games by an average of 40.7 points. It also beat the Kansas Belles (72-44), North Carolina Classics (63-51), Elkton Elks (73-55) and the Chicago Flames (74-49) in bracket play.

The Xplosion spent a good amount of time honing its skills at tournaments across the country. Aside from the AAU tourna-

ment, the Xplosion also traveled to Duke University to take part in the Deep South Shootout, where the club won its division. From there, it was off to Las Vegas for the Adidas Showtime Championship, a tournament for 17-year-olds. The Xplosion did more than hold its own, finishing fifth among the 80-team field.

"When you play the best teams in the nation, it gives you confidence," Anger said. "Playing our own age group, it's not even competitive. They need to be challenged."

It's hard to be challenged

when you field a team as deep and balanced as the Xplosion. Point guard Daniela Roark of Pinewood High School (Los Altos) leads the team's offensive attack. She has a number of key targets to look to, mainly twin sisters Courtney and Ashley Paris of Piedmont. Courtney scored a team-high 29 points in the AAU championship game, and Ashley added 16. Alexis Gray-Lawson (Oakland Tech) contributed 18 points in the title game.

"They have great size and athleticism," Anger said of the Paris twins. "There's nobody as ath-

letic as they are. They run the floor extremely well. They have tremendous hands, and it really surprises people."

Amador Valley's Sara VanderHorst, Leah Munley and Kristen Hart, and Monte Vista's Erin Tao also played a key role in the Xplosion's championship run. Shantrell Sneed, a 5-foot-11 forward from St. Mary's, also made a strong impact down the stretch.

"We have a very deep team," Anger said. "Everyone contributed. You have to have great players to get this far. This is a great accomplishment for this team."

Roseville feels the Sting

Albany-Berkeley softball team wins three consecutive games to capture tournament championship

STAFF REPORT

The Albany-Berkeley Sting (right), 12-under girls softball team continued its relentless march at the Roseville Fourth of July Summer Blast Softball Tournament.

Overcoming an erratic Saturday performance in which they dropped two of three games, the Sting came roaring back on Sunday to win three consecutive games from their Roseville hosts and win the tournament championship.

The Bay Area visitors avenged earlier defeats in the process. Sting pitchers combined for an ERA of just 1.75 in the semifinal and championship games, and the team played errorless ball in the two deciding contests.

Led by Christina Skonberg and Paige Freiburger, who had eight tournament hits apiece, the Sting's aggressive attack proved effective. Every player on the roster saw significant playing time. Gabriela Yao-Cohen's outstanding catch against the River City Angels helped turn the tide, as did consistent defensive play on both infield corners. Caroline Maddard chipped in five hits and had two successful sacrifices. Betsy Felder, Sarah Jelinski and Anya Fernandez were the RBI

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Everist to coach Cal water polo

Former Miramonte and Golden Bears star is a two-time Olympian

STAFF REPORT

Kirk Everist, a two-time Olympian who played and coached at Miramonte High School, has been named head coach of the Cal men's water polo program.

Everist, 35, replaces Peter Buehler, who resigned last month after coaching the Bears the past two seasons.

"We regard Kirk Everist as one of the most promising young water polo coaches in America," athletic director Steve Gladstone said in a statement. "Since his days at Cal, Kirk has set and achieved the highest standards for player and coach. It is our belief that he is the ideal person to return our water polo program to a championship level."

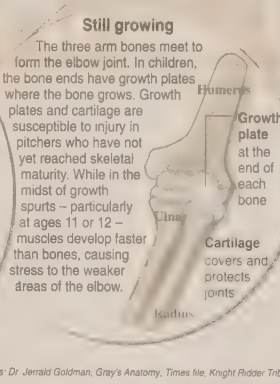
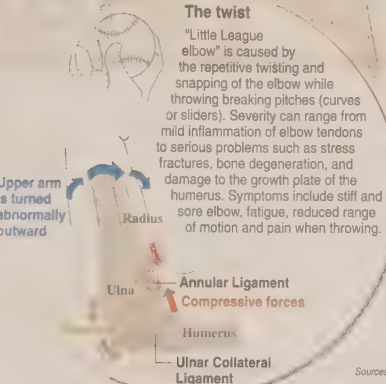
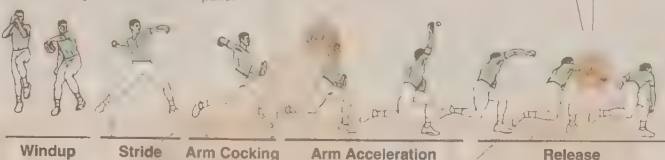
Everist was an All-American in Cal. from 1986-88 and was named AA Player of the Year in 1988. He led the Bears to national championships in 1987 and 1988 and played for the U.S. national team for nine years. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic team at the 1992 Games in Barcelona and the 1996 Games in Atlanta. He also competed for gold-medal winning U.S. teams in the 1991 World University Games and the 1995 Pan

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Pitching can put growing elbows at risk

Overhead and twisting throwing motion puts tremendous force on the inside of the elbow joint as the arm accelerates. Repeated pressure on the joint from overuse breaks down tissue faster than the body is able to make repairs.

Forces on elbow greatest at these points



Sources: Dr. Jerald Goldman, Gray's Anatomy, Times file, Knight Ridder Tribune ADR ENNE, JOHNSON/TIMES

'Little League elbow'

Breaking pitches wear down young arms unless proper steps are taken

By Bill Kolb
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Matt Coney-Tyler was right on track in 1997.

At the age of 12, Coney-Tyler was one of the hottest pitchers in the ranks of Walnut Creek Little League.

He had everything you need to be a successful young pitcher: good velocity on his fastball, the

ability to change speeds and a knack for locating his pitches.

Then something happened that very nearly ended his nascent pitching career: he learned how to throw a slider.

"It definitely wreaked havoc on his arm," said Coney-Tyler's father, Tim Tyler. "Prior to that he was just throwing a fastball and a changeup, and he'd had no problems. I attribute his troubles to the slider."



JOSE CARLOS FAJARDO/TIMES
BREAKING PITCHES took a toll on Matt Coney-Tyler's arm during Little League.

Tim Tyler, a longtime coach in Walnut Creek Little League, said Matt was diagnosed by an orthopedist as having suffered a severely strained biceps and what could only be characterized as a "sore elbow." When Tyler questioned the possible source of such an injury, the doctor said that it almost certainly could be attributed to the new pitch.

Matt, now 17, will be a senior at Las Lomas High School in the fall. He is a catcher and relief pitcher on the Knights' varsity squad. He, too, is convinced that the combination of the slider and

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Injury answer rests with empty parks

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

Longtime Alameda baseball coach Tim Marr, who has instructed kids from Little League to high schoolers, thinks he knows what most contributes to sore arms.

"You want to know what the No. 1 problem is? These kids don't play baseball," he said. "They don't play baseball all-year round."

"I don't ever remember having a sore arm. I'd be playing at 9 in the morning - lob ball - until 8 at night. I don't remember having a sore arm. These kids come out for three days and they can't throw. I can't drive by the park and see kids playing without an organized league."

Mike Ballerini has coached Lit-

tle Leaguers in the Western Regional in San Bernardino and is currently coaching with Marr on the World Tournament team that will play in Osaka, Japan this month. He said in retrospect he let young pitchers, including his son Mike, throw too many curveballs.

But he argues that at the time, he didn't see a problem. "Mike was a good-sized kid. He didn't complain about a sore arm or anything."

Mainly an off-speed and curveball pitcher as a youth, Mike Jr. developed a sore arm. But even he thinks a curve can be thrown by 10- and 12-year-olds. "If you throw it right," said Mike Ballerini Jr. "If you throw too many, that's not good. I threw too many. My arm was tired all

the time.

"I stayed in; I never wanted to come out."

"As I grow as a coach, I pay more attention to the number of pitches," coach Ballerini said. "I think for Little League, 80 pitches is about the limit. But sometimes you get caught up in the game."

Marr said pitch counts were simply not kept in past decades. "You threw until your arm was a little bit tired and they took you out."

In any case, Mike Jr. isn't complaining. "I kind of shrugged it off. I had others things I could do. But if someone really wanted to play baseball, it could be a big problem to get over."

Cal gets one, loses another

St. Mary's Drummer orally commits; cornerback Callen is academically ineligible, will transfer to Idaho St.

By Jay Heater
TIMES STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Cal football coach Jeff Tedford took another step in the rebuilding process last weekend when he received an oral commitment from St. Mary's High School lineman Leon Drummer.

The news of Drummer's commitment softened the blow of losing starting cornerback Atari Callen to academic ineligibility. Callen said on Monday that he will transfer to Division I-AA Idaho State, where he will have to sit out a season before finishing his final year of eligibility in 2003.

Drummer, a 6-foot-6, 295-pounder, will be a senior next season at St. Mary's and has been one of the East Bay's most recruited players. He chose Cal over Washington and Colorado.

"I basically decided off the coaching staffs," said Drummer, who was the No. 2-rated defensive lineman at the Nike Camp at Stanford in May. "Cal's staff is amazing. It really shocked me. They treated me like part of the family and showed me love."

Callen, the former star running back and defensive back from De La Salle, was the Contra Costa Times' Prep Athlete of the Year in 1999. He played as a true freshman later that year, then had to sit out a season due to academic problems. He earned a starting berth in 2001 but struggled along with his teammates during a 1-10 season.

"It was a combination of things," Callen said. "I didn't enjoy my time here because it just wasn't for me. But Cal is a great school and I would still tell people to come here. I just couldn't find my place."

Callen said that in retrospect it might have been best for him to leave the area to attend college.

"I love the Bay Area and I



Leon Drummer

The Bears hope he can add depth to the defensive line

want to live here someday, but I was doing the same things I was doing in high school," he said. "I wanted to experience new things in college. Going to Idaho State will give me a chance to get away from the area and find myself."

Drummer probably will be an offensive lineman in college. St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson said. Drummer hopes to play the defensive line, where he would line up alongside his former St. Mary's teammate and friend, Cal sophomore defensive tackle Lorenzo Alexander. Drummer, who was rated All-Region by PrepStar magazine, will play both offense and defense at St. Mary's.

"He moves fairly well for his size, but I don't know if he will have the lateral movement for defense," Lawson said. "We do think he will be a Division I starter. He has done a lot of weight work in the last year and he is working with a personal trainer to improve his speed and quickness. He also has gotten a little meaner, too, which was necessary. He has demonstrated more leadership."

Drummer said he welcomes the opportunity to play college football near his home in Danville.

"I will be 30 minutes from my mother's cooking and my father's wallet," he said with a laugh.

Drummer's father, Leon, was a star wide receiver at UNLV while his mother, Lynda, was one of the nation's top sprinters at Pepperdine.

Cal also announced on Monday the addition of four players to its roster. Wide receiver Junior Brignac signed with Washington in 1996 but played instead in the Atlanta Braves minor league system for six years. The 6-foot-4, 200-pounder will have four years of eligibility when he joins the Bears on Aug. 5, when the freshmen report. The other three players — wide receiver Joe Crenshaw (El Camino College), linebacker Ryan Estes (Modesto Junior College) and fullback Steve Torgersen (Foothill College) are all junior college transfers.

Albany wrestler shines

STAFF REPORT

Albany High School's Kyle Griffin earned double All-America honors by finishing in the top seven in both the Greco-Roman and freestyle divisions at the Asics Cadet and Junior National Championships on July 20-27 in Fargo, N.D.

Griffin, competing in the 160-pound weight class of the 15-16 year old Cadet division, placed second in the Greco-Roman competition. He finished with a record of 7-1, losing only to Andy Lowther of Ohio 4-1 in the finals. He placed seventh in the freestyle competition.

"He got stronger as the tour-

nament went along," said Mark Halvorson, the head coach at Concord Youth Center where Griffin trains during the summer. "He beat some great kids."

In the Greco-Roman competition, Griffin started by beating Casey Kelly of Montana 8-4, then used a takedown to edge Jeremiah Clapp of Georgia 9-8 in overtime. Griffin defeated Andrew Monk of Ohio 4-3, Mike Bianco of Pennsylvania 7-6, and Josh Erickson of Colorado 6-2. Josh Wilcox of Oklahoma, who finished fourth, lost to Griffin 11-0 technical fall. In the semifinals, Griffin defeated Trevor Stewart of Michigan 11-3. Stewart eventually finished eighth.

BRIEFS

Football

The first Berkeley High football practice will be held Monday, Aug. 19 starting at 4 p.m. at the Berkeley High Football Stadium. This includes all incoming freshman players.

All prospective players must have an emergency card, which can be obtained at the administration portable or at the athletic office.

Players also must have a current

physical, which can be obtained at no charge from the Berkeley High School Health Center. Players are advised to schedule appointments early since slots fill up quickly this time of year.

For further information, contact head football coach Matt Bissell at 510-845-7755 or at www.mattbissell@attbi.com.

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Elbow

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his playing catcher — another position that allows no rest for the arm — whenever he wasn't pitching is what did him in.

"I was actually trying to learn a curve," Coney-Tyler said. "But I was taught to turn my wrist over — more of a slider. All that twisting was hard on my elbow. And I was throwing every game. I think my arm just got tired."

Father, son and doctor are not alone in their shared belief that fatigue and throwing a breaking pitch were the sources of Matt's arm pain, and a large part of his pitching only four games over the following two years.

According to a study by the American Sports Medicine Institute, 47 percent of youth pitchers suffer elbow, upper arm or shoulder pain. The data suggest that these young athletes either are throwing too many pitches, or they are throwing pitches that they shouldn't be throwing at their particular stage of physical development — namely curves or sliders.

"These pitchers are at the formative stages of their careers, both from a physical and athletic standpoint," Oakland A's team orthopedist Dr. Jerrald Goldman said. "Parents and coaches need to be aware of how many innings pitchers are throwing, how many overall pitches are being thrown, and what pitches they are throwing."

According to Goldman, throwing too much too soon can lead to injuries in the shoulder, upper arm and most often the elbow — particularly if the player is in the midst of a growth spurt. Preadolescent growth plates and layers of cartilage inside the bone that generate new bone matter are especially susceptible.

And, with the youth baseball postseason in full swing, this is the time of year when young pitchers are most likely to begin feeling the effects of a full season of work. Those pitchers, possibly looking for an extra edge against some tougher competition, could be tempted to try something new — and potentially dangerous.

The fatigue factor increases with each pitch as the summer wears on, further increasing the likelihood of a breakdown in mechanics and a subsequent injury, Goldman said.

Lucky breaks

It may be hard to believe, but Coney-Tyler was one of the fortunate ones. His injury, though painful, was relatively minor, and his father was savvy enough to realize that pushing him any further at age 12 could have long-term ramifications.

San Ramon's Erik Johnson, a former utility infielder for the San Francisco Giants, had a similar experience. Johnson pitched on the 1978 San Ramon team that went to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Johnson, then 12, threw so many pitches — many of them sliders — in the Series that it put his career as a pitcher on hold for almost three years.

"I threw 144 pitches in 5½ innings, a lot of them hard sliders," Johnson said. "I was throwing (the slider) incorrectly, and I didn't pitch again until I was 15. I shouldn't have been throwing the breaking ball. Kids aren't strong enough to throw that pitch. You need professional instruction to throw that pitch."

But Johnson, too, was lucky. "The best thing that ever happened was that we let my arm rest," Johnson said. "Something wasn't right, and we shut it down. I have no arm troubles now. It healed, but it took awhile."

Now the director of baseball instruction for EJ Sports in San Ramon, Johnson teaches the fundamentals of pitching to Little League-age pitchers.

Partly because of his personal experience, one of the primary tenets of EJ Sports' instruction is safety.

"The best pitch in baseball is a fastball spotted on the plate," Johnson said. "I think it's totally unnecessary for kids to throw breaking balls. I don't support it at all. I don't want any of my kids throwing breaking balls."

Sure it hurts, but why?

Others have not been as lucky

as Coney-Tyler and Johnson.

"There is a condition actually called 'Little League Elbow,'" Goldman said. "But Little League is getting a bit of a raw deal, because it has done a lot to prevent this sort of injury."

Goldman added that Little League has been an active participant in studies regarding arm injuries and how to prevent them.

Little League has established guidelines in an effort to protect young pitchers. According to Bill Schaeffer, the assistant administrator for District 4, which encompasses most leagues in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, no one ages 8 to 10 can pitch more than three innings in a game, and no more than six innings per week. For 11- to 12-year-olds, no pitcher may throw more than six innings per week. In tournament play at all levels, no pitcher may throw in consecutive games if he throws more than one inning the previous game.

"We haven't really looked at pitch counts because that's hard to keep track of," Schaeffer said. "A lot of managers keep track of pitch counts just (to protect the pitcher). We don't recommend throwing curveballs until a player is 14, but some parents and coaches want to win so bad that they teach their kids to throw curveballs."

"We don't have anything that limits the types of pitches that can be thrown. Kids can throw curveballs, two-seam fastballs, four-seam fastballs, sliders, change-ups."

One of the problems, Schaeffer said, is that some parents don't understand the dynamics of a growing body and the wear and tear pitching provides.

"I've heard of instances where a child doesn't do well in the game, then dad takes him home to throw 50 pitches in the back yard to tune him up," Schaeffer said. "Sometimes it's not what the child does when they're involved in a Little League game or practice but what happens when they go home."

"Sometimes a kid ends up with an arm injury, not necessarily from throwing curveballs but from throwing too many pitches."

There's a significant difference between a 12-year-old elbow and, say, an 18- or even a 9- or 10-year-old elbow. According to Goldman, a large part of the problem that 11- and 12-year-olds run into is that, in the middle of a growth spurt, muscle develops at a rapid rate while bone development lags behind.

"The secondary ossification centers — the growth plates or physal plates — don't fuse to the long bones until an individual is mature — 16 or 17 years old," Goldman said. "And, since this is where the muscle and tendon joins the bone, it becomes the most inflamed in 11- and 12-year-olds."

Because of the twisting motion in the successful delivery of a slider or a curve, there is an extraordinary amount of strain placed on the medial side of the elbow (the inside part of the elbow, palm up) when a pitcher follows through, Goldman said. That's right where the bone is weakest during such a growth spurt.

This strain causes the muscle and tendon to pull severely at the junction with the bone, and often leads to injury. In severe cases, the muscle is so much stronger than the growing bone that it can pull off pieces of the bone.

"The problem is the way the pitch finishes," Goldman said. "There is a great deal of stress put on the side of the joint, and the joint is not built to handle the stress."

A second opinion

Dr. Alvin Loosli, a physician at the Center for Sports Medicine in Walnut Creek, sees plenty of pitchers with sore arms. He attributes many of their problems to a fundamental lack of preparation.

"It's not about pitch count or curveballs, necessarily," he said. "It's about conditioning — getting the arm ready to do the work."

"If the season starts in March, kids should start throwing around Thanksgiving, maybe two times a week. By Christmas, they should be getting in 100 throws three times a week."

Loosli stresses the importance of preseason strengthening and preparation, in-season strength training with light weights (3 to 5 pounds) and rest periods between throwing sessions.

"If the only focus is on curveballs or pitch counts, you're missing the whole thing about preseason conditioning," he said. "My criteria for throwing a curve are if a player is strong and has done a couple of months of throwing. Then, maybe you can start throwing 10 curves a week."

Loosli also is highly concerned by the tendency of some athletes to try to preempt pain by using pain relievers before pitching.

"Racehorses were the first athletes to be drug tested, because it was common to give them pain medication before they ran," Loosli said. "What happens to a racehorse with a sore foot if you keep sending it around the track? You end up sending him to the glue factory."

"It's very common for some well-meaning adult to give a kid Advil before he pitches, and that does more harm than good. We need to treat these young baseball and softball players like racehorses. Pills only after — never before — practice or play. That's the way you get worse — period."

Prevention is medicine

Another study of youth pitching injuries published in Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise followed 300 pitchers ages 9 to 12 for two consecutive years and recorded their complaints of arm pain.

Players who threw 75 or more pitches per game were 50 percent more likely to suffer elbow pain than those throwing fewer than 25 pitches. Every increment of 10 pitches per game increased the likelihood of elbow pain by 6 percent. Shoulder pain occurred in one-third of the games played. Elbow pain occurred in one-quarter of the games.

Goldman said that shoulder pain also is indicative of too much strain being placed on a growing bone.

"A lot of time is actually being spent on this," Goldman said. "But it's really a common-sense thing. If a kid is tired, don't have him pitch. If it hurts when you throw, don't throw."

Some keys to avoiding injury, according to Goldman, Loosli and the USA Baseball Medical and Safety Advisory Committee, are:

- Encouraging strength training in pitchers of all ages before and during the season, as well as regularly throwing away from the mound.

- Implementing a mandatory rest period after each outing that corresponds to the number of pitches thrown. Based on feedback from the individual, these rest periods should be lengthened if fatigue or pain becomes an issue.

- Teaching proper technique for each pitch.

- Allowing young pitchers to begin throwing fastballs at age 8, changeups at 10 and curveballs or sliders at 14, but not sooner.

On the mend

"The first thing is, once a pitcher is hurt, they can't touch a baseball again until they don't hurt," Goldman said. "After that, you need to make sure that the pitcher is using the proper mechanics in the throwing motion, and make sure that the muscles are strong enough to handle the load."

While it is not common, Goldman said surgery can become necessary in the most severe cases.

For the most part, strength conditioning, good mechanics, rest, ice, the occasional ibuprofen tablet — after throwing, of course — and good old-fashioned common sense are the antidote for what ails young pitchers.

Just ask Matt Coney-Tyler, who has fully recovered from his injury, and is throwing — yes, even the occasional curveball — with no pain.

"It was definitely a good experience for me," Coney-Tyler said. "I learned what not to do. And I learned some other things. I lift weights now to make my arm stronger, ice, use good mechanics and throw a lot of fastballs."

Donald's on Shoreline Dr. at the South Shore Center at 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age bracket: 12-and-under, 13-18 years old, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-and-over. A grand prize of a \$500 travel voucher will be awarded by drawing.

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Salmon fishing has remained steady the past week. Over the weekend, Captain Steve Bales of the New Fisherman III reported an average of under a salmon to over a salmon per rod. On Monday scores ranged from a salmon a rod to limits. Tuesday was a very good day for all Bay Area salmon boats as the bait fish moved into the Duxbury Buoy area, middle grounds and Slide Ranch area. It was top to bottom bait, the biggest area of live bait that Bales has seen for some time. This may keep the salmon around for some time. Boats in this area had catches ranging from over a salmon per rod to limits. There were a lot of near limit scores. The New Fisherman III was a couple of salmon short of 20 limits, with some up to 35 pounds. All boats had big salmon Tuesday, with a lot of 20-35 pounders being caught. Bales reported everybody in the fleet had a 15-pound average. As of Wednesday morning, a few boats were going home with limits, but the average was just over a fish per rod. Several of the fish were in the 25-30 pound range.

Captain Bill Smith of Ripptide Sportfishing and Whale Watching also had a good week of catching whopper salmon. They did not catch limits but the average was a little better than a fish per person with a 20-pound average. There were quite a few in the 30-pound category as well. They landed a 33-pound salmon Sunday.

With the fish moving closer to the beach, Smith said he is seeing some of the boats mooching as well as trolling. The boats that have been rock fishing have been doing very well. Smith also has heard of some tuna starting to show up.

Jim Smith of the Happy Hooker also had a good day fishing Wednesday off the coast of Pacifica. He caught 31 limits of striped bass, four halibut, 14 ling cod and 70 rock fish.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: Striped bass and halibut are still the order of the day here. Fishing was solid over the weekend for James Smith of Bay Watch. On Saturday, Smith took his boat to the Berkeley Flats and the deep water off Alcatraz and Angel Island. They wound up with 37 bass, 12 halibut, one ling cod and a leopard shark. Fishing at the same areas on Sunday, Smith caught 19 halibut, 35 bass and one ling cod. They used live anchovies both days. Last week it was the opposite for Smith, who maxed out on halibut but had a hard time catching bass. Smith attributes that to the larger tides in the bay this week.

SUISUN: Wind has been the angler's worst enemy as of late (and the sturgeon's best friend) as people have been kept off the water by the gusty breezes. Despite the elements, the staff at Martinez Bait and Tackle reported Frank Arnold of Richmond caught a 95-pound, 72-inch sturgeon at Montezuma Slough using grass shrimp. Tom DeMunn of Rough and Ready also used grass shrimp to net a 51.9-pound, 64-inch sturgeon at Buoy 4. Marilyn Wright of Concord caught a 4.2-pound striped at Port Costa using anchovies.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, RED BLUFF: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing reported fishing for king salmon has been up and down lately. There are quality fish being caught, just not a lot of them. The average salmon is between 15-30 pounds and they are bright chrome in color. Anglers are using flatfish lures and bouncing roe. Look for this week's opening of the Anderson area of the Sac River, known as the Balls Ferry area, to be good.

Water polo

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American Games.

Since graduating from Cal in 1990, he has been an assistant water polo coach at Miramonte for 11 years, helping the Matadors to eight North Coast Section titles.

The Cal-Miramonte connection is strong — there are six former Miramonte players on the Cal roster.

Sting

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leaders. For the second week a row, Fernandez delivered a two-run, game-ending base hit.

Freiberger, who led the team in runs scored entering the championship game, went 4-for-4 in the final. She finished with a .500 batting average in the tournament.

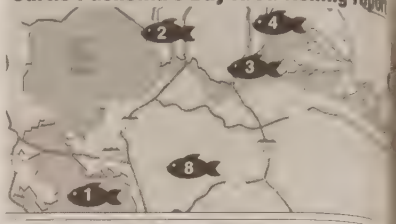
On July 20, the Sting continued its tournament march by winning six straight games to take the Pleasant Hill Tournament the weekend of July 20-21.

The six-game sweep enabled the Sting to run its record to 19-6.

Hitting and pitching were the keys for the Sting, which hit .431 as a team and had a 0.72 ERA in the tournament.

Camila Padilla hit .647 for the six games and Ruby Shapiro had

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor	Fair	Good	Great
1. San Francisco Bay — Striped bass fishing has picked up.	2. Napa River — Some striped activity here, but not much else.	3. Mothball Fleet — Minus wind, Buoy 4 is a decent spot for sturgeon.	4. Montezuma Slough — The mouth of the slough has been productive.
5. Rio Vista — Salmon fishing will be soon.	6. Decker Island — Whopper striped are hanging around.	7. Jersey Island — Nice place for black catfish.	8. San Pablo Reservoir — Scow canyon is the best.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Portocarrero reported the rainbow trout fishing is being good. Anglers are using flatfish lures, glo-bugs and bead head fox's poppos Nos. 16-18 and brassies, nymphing with indicators.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE: Fishing for king salmon has been unpredictable, but there are some quality fish being had. Kings are being produced from 10-28 pounds and they are bright and chrome in color. Anglers are using flatfish lures with sardine wrap and bouncing roe.

THE DELTA

The staff at Hap's Bait and Tackle predicts that a good salmon run should be heading their way soon, weather permitting. The chinook salmon are in the system now and Freeport area fishermen have reported that some good-sized salmon were caught over the weekend. Trollers are using wiggle warts, flatfish and Gibb's Minnows. Bank fishermen are tossing Mepp's and Bluefox spinners.

Some whooper strippers are still hanging around the Decker Island area. Jack Dinubilo of Stockton caught a 34½-pound, 43½-inch striped drifting frozen shad at Decker Island. If you put your time in and fight the wind at Decker, it can be rewarding. Paul Saubole of Galt caught a 10-pounder on shad at Decker.

Catfish can be had just about anywhere in the Delta. The best fishing is done at night in the backwaters and sloughs with chicken livers, sardines, nightcrawlers and clams.

The wind has kept sturgeon anglers off the water, but black bass and catfish action has started to pick up. At Holland tract, Kurt Couington of Antioch caught a 3-pound black bass and Mike D'Angella of Pittsburg caught a 6-pound black bass on nightcrawlers. Janisha Humphrey of Antioch caught two black bass (3 and 4 pounds), a 2½-pound striped, a 2-pound catfish and a bluegill on minnows and nightcrawlers at Jersey Island. Bruce Shorty of Redwood City caught a 2- and a 4-pound striped at West Island on anchovies.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Fishing for catfish, bass and crappie are your best bets right now, as trout fishing has slowed down considerably. For catfish, try the launch area, Scow Canyon or the tower area. Use

chicken liver, anchovies or eel. Briana Krishin of Fremont caught a 16-pound, 12½-inch Scow Canyon using worm. Drew Neou of San Francisco caught a 18-pound, 11.2-pound Scow Canyon using worm. Scow Canyon is also a hot spot for crappie, as Joe Smith of San Francisco caught a 10-pound crappie. Scow Canyon using worm.

LAKE DEL VALLE

MORE: With the trout being down in recent weeks, the catfish has really started to show up. Catfish are being caught south end to the dam. We've been had in the north end of the lake. Anchovies, mackerel, chicken liver are the hot spots. The hottest spot right now is the marina. There are big red ear sunfish all through the lake and they are hitting on worms. Try by the weed on plants for them. Salmon are on rapids and worms in the end also. Bass fishing has started this week, with just a few hot lures in the early morning. The worms and the wave weeds first thing in the morning. Please catch and release. Due to the fact that it is a season. Strippers are very low at the dam. Try bottom with chicken liver or another bait.

LAKE PARDEE

IONA: Fishing for trout from boats has been good here this week. Water is low and the south end of the lake is the best area. For shore fishing, Stony Creek Landing is a good place for trout. Use Powerbait on nightcrawlers. Trollers are reporting that it is taking more time to catch limits. Troll between 40-60 feet. Better results. Kokanee are good, but anglers have to go down 60-80 feet to get the trout and Deer Island areas. Catfish can be had in the coves using chicken liver or another cut bait.

LAKE SHASTA

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Briefs

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Tennis

The 89th annual City of Alameda Tennis Championships will be held at the Fairfield Tennis Complex at lower Washington Park, 8th St. and Central Ave., Sept. 6-8.

The tournament is open to anyone; participants no longer need to reside or work in Alameda. The divisions are 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Entries must be received no later than Aug. 9. Some events may close earlier if a draw limit is reached prior to the deadline.

The cost is \$20 per person, \$30 per team. For more information, call the Alameda Recreation and Park Department office at 510-748-4565. Forms may be picked up at the ARPD offices at 1327 Oak Street.

Running

The 21st annual 10-kilometer Alameda Run for the Park will be held Sunday. The run, as well as a two-mile walk, will begin in front of Mc-

Donald's on Shoreline Dr. at the South Shore Center at 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age bracket: 12-and-under, 13-18 years old, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-and-over. A grand prize of a \$500 travel voucher will be awarded by drawing.

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Arts

BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

TV, image and the presidency

IMAGE IS EVERYTHING in today's business and politics, and it's no surprise that the old truism about politics being "show business for ugly people" is still as true as ever. As one corporate scandal after another breaks, and as our media and 401k's plummet, it's down over six figures, it's comforting to know these accounting swindles — a word, like "swindler," that begs for correction these days — at least provide photo-ops for our elected officials.

A couple of weeks ago it was easy to find dark humor in the president's absurd press conference in which he talked about getting tough on corporate ethics. The words "Corporate Responsibility" were mentioned about 30 times on a pre-positioned blue board behind the CEO-friendly president, the first MBA chief exec. Molly Ivins' take on Bush: "Born on third base, thinks he hit a triple."

One cartoonist later lampooned that ridiculous, posturing speech, calling it "Standard and Poor."

The president, in other words, wants to appear as though he's doing something about the corporate swindlers, without actually doing much. Maybe Joe Lunchbucket, anyway, is buying it.

(Quick disclaimer: I'm a registered Republican who supports Bush's anti-terrorism campaign, not a flaming liberal who hates the president. So please don't write. Thank you.)

Speaking of Joe L., one imploding episode last week played to the blue-collar worker was so ridiculous I had to cut it out. The televised ranting off to jail (one newspaper report called it a "staged indictment parade") of three Philadelphia Cable execs accused of looting the company.

Cable-TV execs? Now there's someone a bedrock Bush supporter can identify with. Who's not the crooked CEO of a company? Will we also be swindling car mechanics charged off to jail on the morning news?

I may have missed it, but I don't recall seeing any Enron WorldCom execs getting the indictment parade photo-op treatment despite the billions of dollars looted. Where is Kenneth Lay these days? (Laying off?) Remember him and his pals Jeff Skilling and Andy Whitely? Jail to the chief execs?

But really: Cable-TV execs? Please. Even in good times, the guys are easy to hate, convenient targets. I mean, those whose company messes up, whose reception of the WWF NASCAR events should go to hell, right?

TOUGH REPORTING: The first-rate Lisa Meyers will be doing the toughest work reporting on the Wall Street scandals recently, out of New York and Washington. The other night, for example, they reported that even Bill Clinton was posturing on Capitol Hill and demanding other penalties and SEC enforcement, top Democratic and Republican — some donated by companies under investigation — to meetings on Nantucket Island (Demos) and West Virginia (Republicans).

Meyers also noted in this recent report that all the corporate-reform bills passed so far have conveniently neglected the important reform — counting stock options as expenses. She noted that Senate Majority Leader Tom Dashiell and other Republicans are opposed to counting options. She interviewed Sen. John McCain in her report, who said opposition was because Capitol Hill is infested these days with lobbyists from Silicon Valley who are bitterly opposed to including options in reform bills.



MEL GIBSON plays a Pennsylvania farmer and former pastor whose already shaken faith in a higher power is further tested when he discovers crop circles in his cornfield in M. Night Shyamalan's "Signs."

All signs point to good for Shyamalan's latest

■ The writer/director effectively infuses his thriller with humor, fear

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

M. Night Shyamalan's exhilarating supernatural thriller "Signs" functions like a thick blanket of fog. When it's over, you can insist you weren't fooled by it, that you recognized all-too-familiar landmarks through that choking wet haze; but you can't deny that plunging blind through it drove your adrenaline levels through the roof, made your heart race and just as Shyamalan wanted, scared you silly.

Even before we see the first frame of the film, Shyamalan makes it clear that he's gunning for Alfred Hitchcock's empty throne. The credits are stark and retro, punctuated by a somber

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Signs"
■ **STARRING:** Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix, Cherry Jones, Rory Culkin, Abigail Breslin
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (some frightening moments)
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

score that sounds like it could easily be the opening for a classic from that subtle frightmaster. Throughout the movie, Shyamalan plays with Hitchcockian elements of sound, scene and story, with unseen crows that caw ominously, wires that snake along floors, predators that may or may not be real and psychic injuries that hint at more damage than any villain could inflict.

But this isn't a straight rip-off

of Hitchcock. Shyamalan, who wrote and directed this picture just as he did his mega-hit "The Sixth Sense" and its lesser follow-up "Unbreakable," also reveals influences as mainstream as Steven Spielberg and as off-beat as the Coen brothers. There's even an acoustical nod to "Blair Witch."

That's not to say "Signs" isn't still distinctly Shyamalan's. It has the requisite male mega-star (Mel Gibson, filling in admirably for Bruce Willis), playing a lonely man who has once again mislaid his true love. There are precocious performances from children. The frights are that much more effective for taking place off-screen. A sense of yearning suffuses the whole enterprise.

Even a whisper of too much revealed about the plot might detract from the pleasure you'll have squirming in your seat, so you're only going to get the

barest details here. A farmer named Graham Hess (Gibson) wakes up one day in his Bucks County, Pennsylvania, farmhouse, hears his two children screaming and races out into his cornfield with his brother, Merrill (Joaquin Phoenix), to find that something or someone has carved an enormous, cryptic circular symbol into his crops.

Their first assumption is that the sign is a prank. As Merrill explains to his spooked nephew Morgan (Rory Culkin, of "You Can Count on Me") and niece Bo (newcomer Abigail Breslin), nerds have been pulling hoaxes like this since the late 1970s. To have faith that the sign must have a greater supernatural meaning is to fall into the trap the nerds have set, he tells them. Far better to have faith that one's fellow man is inherently devious.

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Singing King of Siam on stage in Alameda

IF YOU'VE BEEN hankering for a great old musical set in an exotic locale, perk up and start to "Whistle a Happy Tune." If that's not enough to tip you off to a show coming up that's been absent too long, sing out a greeting like "Hello, Young Lovers."

And if that didn't ring your bell, let's spell it out: Alameda Civic Light Opera continues its sixth summer season with "The King and I," opening Aug. 9 in Kofman Auditorium. That's at 2200 Central Ave., between Oak and Walnut streets, in central Alameda.

Frederick L. Chacon, ACLO founder and managing director, is directing the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical featuring such songs as the two alluded to in the beginning. And if those didn't start you humming, here's another pair of hits from that 1951 Broadway smash: "Getting to Know You" and "Shall We Dance."

Tai Connor plays the King of Siam, the role stamped forever by the original player, Yul Brynner, who gladdened the heart of every bald-headed guy in America with the possible exception of the founder of the Hair Club for Men.

Laura Pedersen-Schulz plays Anna Leonowens, the British schoolteacher who comes to the king's court to teach his children and ends up making the monarch her most important, if fractious, pupil.

The story is based on Margaret Langdon's novel, "Anna and the King of Siam." Before it reached the stage, it had been made into a film by that name in 1946 starring Irene Dunne and Rex Harrison (in



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

his Hollywood debut).

Gertrude Lawrence originated the musical version of Anna, playing opposite Brynner. And there's a story behind that. Lawrence brought the story to Rodgers and Hammerstein and asked them to create a vehicle for her. The result was "The King and I." It's the only show they ever devised around the talents of a specific performer.

"The King and I" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 25 with 2 p.m. matinees on Aug. 18 and 25. Tickets are \$22 general; \$18 for seniors, and \$14 for students 18 and under. A special \$10 student ticket is offered for all Friday performances. Group discounts are also available. Call 510-864-2256, or visit the Web at www.aclo.com.

AN 'EPIC' FOR ALL AGES: Oakland Public Theater, under the artistic direction of Norman Gee, concludes the first installment on Aug. 15 of what they are calling "an epic undertaking" in selected Oakland library branches this summer. And, for a change, the usually over-worked promo word flourish seems appropriate.

At 7 p.m. on that particular Thursday at the Montclair branch library, Gee and company will present the last of four performances of Chapter



THE KING of Siam, played by Tai Connor, is surrounded by royal subjects in Alameda's upcoming "The King and I" production.

One of "Wind in the Willows." The free shows have already entertained hundreds of kids and adults at one-night stands in the Dimond, Asian and Rockridge branch libraries. They began July 23.

The idea is similar to the presentations of Word for Word, the San Francisco-based company that brings literature to life on stage — literally speaking the original text "word for word."

Over the next four years, Gee's ambitious project will tell author Kenneth Grahame's classic "Willows" story, chapter by chapter. It will take young

audiences from the fateful day when Mole abandons his spring cleaning, through Toad's wild ride, and on to their final victory of Toad Hall.

It will be performed in public libraries, schools and, of course, OPT's current home at Mills College.

Since it takes place in winter, Chapter Five will be taken out of sequence and presented during the holiday season, Gee says. Performances will resume next spring with Chapter Two, or possibly One and Two together to resume the continuity.

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EVENTS

GENERAL

BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CENTRAL LIBRARY — "Poetry in the Plaza: Freedom of Expression Day," Aug. 10, 2:30 p.m. Featuring Marvin K. White, Sharon Doubiago, Lucha Corpi, Chinaka Hodge and Nancy Rawiyah Johnson. Dedicated to activist poet, professor and founder of "Poetry for the People," June Jordan Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. 510-981-6100 or www.infopleople.org/bpl

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — MAIN BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 6, 10:30 a.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. In the Children's Room. Main Library, 125 14th St. 510-238-3615

EASTMONT BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 3, 1:30 p.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. 7200 Bancroft Ave. 510-615-5726

ELMHURST BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 5, 1 p.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. 1427 88th Ave. 510-615-5727

GOLDEN GATE BRANCH — "Toddler Lapsit," third and fourth Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Time for stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays and more. For age 6 months to 3 1/2 and their parents or caregivers. 5606 San Pablo Ave. 510-597-5023

MELROSE BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 7, 4 p.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. 4805 Foothill Blvd. 510-535-5623

ROCKRIDGE BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 7, 7 p.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. 5368 College Ave. 510-597-5017

TEMESCAL BRANCH — "Magician John Hamilton," Aug. 6, 7 p.m. A magic act with the message that determination, focus and hard work can take one beyond one's limitations, whatever they are. 5205 Telegraph Ave. 510-597-5049

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. 1801 Adeline St. 510-597-5049

Free, Oakland. 510-238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

CODY'S BOOKSTORES — TELEGRAPH AVENUE — Spanish Book Club, Aug. 2, 2 p.m. The group discusses a new title in Spanish each month. Nick McDowell, Aug. 6. The author reads from "Twelve," his first novel. 2454 Telegraph Ave. 510-845-7852

FOURTH STREET — Carle Brown, Aug. 3, 2 p.m. The author talks about "The Jintown Store Cookbook Recipes from Sonoma County's Favorite Country Market." Debra Ginsberg, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. The author talks about "Raising Blaze: Bringing Up an Extraordinary Son in an Ordinary World."

Parenting Book Club, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. A discussion of "Liberated Parents, Liberated Children: Your Guide to a Happier Family."

1730 Fourth St. 510-559-9500. Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley.

THE STARRY PLOUGH — "The Berkeley Poetry Slam," Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. Poets should arrive at 7:30 p.m. to sign up. The first Wednesday of the month is "Chicken Grease!" hosted by Nazelah Jamison and Karen Ladson with spinning by DJ Funkier; all other Wednesdays are "The Berkeley Slam!" hosted by Charles Ellick and dani eunymoe with music by Three Blind Mice. For ages 21 and over after 10 p.m.

\$5, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-435-1665

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS — through Sept. 25. The 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

Tours of the Mansion, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour of the 37-room mansion and the estate's historic landscaping. Wear low-heeled shoes; no high heels allowed in the mansion. \$5 general; \$4 seniors, free children age 13 and under.

"Family Sundays," through Sept. 1, noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy G-rated entertainment, including puppetry, magic, music and dancing. Afternoon programs include docent-led tours of the Dunsmuir Mansion and self-guided garden tours.

Aug. 4: Detique performing "Hambone Hamtch," featuring Hambone body drumming, circus skills, comedy skits, acrobatics, juggling and physical comedy.

\$5 general; \$4 seniors and children ages 14 to 18; free children ages 13 and under. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555

SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL — closing Aug. 8. The largest and most prestigious celebration of Jewish cinema showcases ground-breaking films.

\$8 to \$3 general; \$7 to \$7.50 seniors; \$5 to \$5.50 children ages 12 and under. Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley. 925-866-9559 or www.sjff.org

"TATTOO THE EARTH" — Aug. 9

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Theater

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The style (of presentation) balances the author's... Glee says, "Our goal is to be as curious about books in a totally different way." Way to go, Mole! Atta toad, and...

A JAZZY 'WIZARD': "The jazzed-up, modern version of Frank L. Baum's 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz,'" says Aug. 9 at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Highway, Oakland. The musical plays at 8 p.m. Fridays,

Signs

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Path is an issue for the Hess... Mom (Patricia Kalember) writes a tragic end six months... leaving the kids wistful and... and shaking Graham's belief... a higher power so profoundly... he gave up his position as a... Most people, including... friendly neighborhood cop... Award-winning Cherry... off-putting in what seems... an imitation of Frances Mc... command's cop in "Fargo", still... him Father, much to his dis... Graham is so far gone... the faith department that when... asks him if he believes... signs popping up around the... could be an indication that... end of the world is nigh, he... answers flatly, emphatically,

Merrill is also on shaky... A former minor-league... player who moved in with his... to help out after Mrs... passing, he was known for... ingness to swing at any... that came his way, a trait... led to a lot of home-run... but also a tendency to

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through Aug. 11. An international... of the art of tattooing, this the... largest such event in the United... States featuring 200 international... and winning tattoo artists. In addi... tion will be musical entertaini... a custom hot rod display and a... village.

Day pass, \$50 three-day pass. Fri... and Saturday, noon to midnight... 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oakland... Ave. Hegenberger Road and Inter... 860 Oakland. 415-478-2277 or... 415-478-2277 or... www.tattoosearth.com

WACACIOUS — "Zoomorphia." This... participatory circus presents... about about a group of animals... to teams that eventually are ful... Each 3-hour performance be... with the original circus presenta... accompanied by the live Circus... At all times the audience... young members, is... to learn some basic circus... and take a role in the second... Performances are given in local... venues.

8 p.m.: Nichol Park, 32nd Street... and Macdonald Avenue, Richmond... 9235-7600

10 p.m.: Washington Park, Cen... Avenue and Eighth Street, Alameda. 510-749-5819

11:52-12:14 a.m. or www.makeacirc... .com

HORNET MUSEUM MONTHLY... DANCE — Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Featuring The Larry Elgart Orchestra. The evening starts with a... dinner, dance lessons and... demonstrations by the SF Jit... The band plays from 8 p.m. to midnight for dancing on three huge... floors on the heated and en... hangar deck. Period costumes... encouraged. Proceeds benefit the Air... and Civilian Home Foundation.

to \$35, additional \$15 for dinner... (seater at Atlantic Avenue),... Alameda. 510-521-... 448, ext. 725 or www.uss-hornet.org

WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATRE — "Harama: A Pinoy Serenade... and Three Generations... of Filipino American Poetry," Aug. 3, 8

Saturdays and Sundays... through Aug. 18.

"The Wiz" is directed by James Schlader, choreographed by Harriet Schlader and is under the musical direction of Frank M. Johnson.

"Traditionally, this musical has had an African-American cast," says director Schlader. "It is a high-energy version of the original."

Tickets are \$17, \$25 and \$29. Call 510-531-9597, or visit www.woodminster.com.

A BOUNCY 'MATTRESS': Another jazzy overhaul of an old classic also opens next Friday, Aug. 9, at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave.,

strike out. "It didn't feel right not to swing," he mutters.

"Signs" is beautifully shot by Tak Fujimoto, who began his career with Terrence Malick's striking 1973 film "Badlands" and shot "The Sixth Sense" for Shyamalan. Aside from one somber trip to town, during which we catch our first glimpse of Shyamalan in a smallish but important role — Hitchcock-like, he always gives himself a cameo — and pay a visit on an eccentric army recruitment officer who is two parts David Lynch and one part Coen brothers, the family barely leaves the farm.

Like most American families in times of crisis, the Hesses spend a lot of time watching TV to find out what's going on in the rest of the world (in capturing that mood, it might be the most realistic movie of the year). Playing with angles, even exploring pitch darkness at one point, Fujimoto keeps "Signs" alive visually.

The gaps in action are filled with some fond, family-style humor, much of it in the same vein as Spielberg's "E.T." Not long after the sign appears, Graham does a double take to find his

Berkeley. Campers from Stage Door Conservatory's "On Broadway" program for grades 5 through 9 will perform "Once Upon a Mattress" (see "The Princess and the Pea"). Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

The Friday performance is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday shows are at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 general; \$8 for seniors, children and students with valid ID. Call 510-527-5939.

CCC CALLS YOUNG ACTORS: Auditions for "Not Necessarily Nutcracker," the fall production of Contra Costa College's Young Actors Workshop, will be held at 10 a.m.

children wearing tinfoil helmets and poring over a book about aliens (authored by one Dr. Bimbo). Morgan looks up and explains that the helmets will stop the aliens from reading their minds. "Oh," Gibson says. He sits down with the kids and browses the book, promising not to make fun. But he can't help pronouncing the author's name with evident skepticism. Morgan admonishes him: "You had a tone."

"Signs" is two hours long but skims by, in large part thanks to scenes like this one. As a writer, Shyamalan has an impressive ability to balance comedy with horror, to use a laugh to prick the balloon of fright building up in his audience, then counter it with a hit of something so creepy that the balloon puffs right up again. He's got considerable help from his four principal actors, who sound the witty notes as well as they do the dramatic ones. Phoenix ("Quills," "Gladiator") in particular is very funny.

But even with his enormous talent as an entertainer, Shyamalan is capable of making mistakes, and he's made a few that yank "Signs" below the level of greatness. Bo has an obsession

and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the school's performing arts center, corner of El Portal Drive and Castro Street, San Pablo.

Actors, singers, dancers and technicians ages 12-18 needed. Be ready to improvise and do your stuff. Performances Nov. 15-24. Call 510-235-7800, ext. 4386, 4552 or 4373 for more info.

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with tap water, which she fears is contaminated. Morgan uses an inhaler. Only a goat could fail to absorb that these details are Relevant, but Shyamalan doesn't trust us, and he keeps coming back at them.

He spares us the big twist, which may bum out audiences, but was a good decision; by "Unbreakable," it felt like formula. But there is a revelation at the end, which is hampered by the fact that Shyamalan dumps a major interruption on us in the midst of the climax, taking us by the hand and leading us into a flashback to make sure we didn't miss the clues he established in earlier dialogue. Not only is this flashback unnecessary, but it's also the one scene where we question Gibson as an actor. The timing is off, he doesn't feel right and medically, the circumstances seem mighty suspect.

But these flaws can't ruin "Signs." It's the best scare you'll have this summer.

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Reviews

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popular stage show The Bay Area favorite has always had a larger purpose in mind than getting laughs — providing audiences with "a way of belonging, of feeling validated." She succeeds resoundingly because her humor is so liberating and so inclusive — K. Thomas (NR, exceedingly blunt language) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"THE POWERPUFF GIRLS MOVIE": The girls with superpowers find themselves exiled to a cold distant planet after being ousted from Townsville thanks to the shenanigans of that evil monkey Mojo Jojo. Yes, it's the first animated movie for the Cartoon Network trio, and it's a line one. All the kooky style of the popular TV cartoon is here, but there's some deep thinking going on as well. A playful and enjoyable confection. — F. Shuster (PG: nonstop frenetic animated action) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B

"REIGN OF FIRE": This movie asks us to suspend our disbelief and accept that in the year 2020, the world has been overrun by fire-breathing dragons. Since it's summertime, we were willing to give this patently absurd premise a shot. That is, until we got a gander at the dragons, and Matthew McConaughey riding in with a tank between his legs. Director Rob Bowman's movie is too full of absurd elements, such as McConaughey's performance and a heap of King Arthur references, to take seriously. Unfortunately, it stops just short of being silly enough to have any real fun with M. Pols. (PG: intense action violence) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C

"ROAD TO PERDITION": A beautiful movie of near-constant sorrow. Tom Hanks plays Michael Sullivan, a 1930s Irish gangster, a man weighed down by his hit man responsibilities but buoyed by his loyalty to the mob boss, John Rooney (Paul Newman) who raised him like a son. Trouble arises when Sullivan's 12-year-old son (Tyler Hoechlin) witnesses a killing and Rooney's attorney un-hinged blood son (Daniel Craig) attempts to silence the boy. Father and son set out on a dangerous road trip with Jude Law playing a hired killer on their trail. The movie is unrelentingly sad, affecting and exquisitely shot by cinematographer Conrad Hall. Ample proof director Sam Mendes, whose first effort, "American Beauty," won the Oscar, is no flash in the pan. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language) 1 hour, 59 minutes. A

"SCOOBY-DOO": Plays like an extended version of the Saturday morning cartoon, true to the original characters, but staying resolutely away from the subtleties of generations have attached to it. As rendered by director Raja Gosnell ("Never Been Kissed"), Velma is straight, Shaggy ain't stoned and Daphne and Fred are not doing anything untoward. Probably won't rot your kid's minds any more than most kiddie fare, but there are lots of taut thrills and sexual innuendoes that might make some parents nervous. And as for older fans, don't expect much out of this: It's loud, silly and dependent on flatulence for humor. — M. Pols. (PG: some rude humor, language and some scary action) 1 hour, 27 minutes. C

"STAR WARS: EPISODE II — ATTACK OF THE CLONES": As Yoda might say, still many questions, we have. The right questions, some of them are. Get you back to the theater for "Episode III," they will. Irritating, others are. Stand alone, "Attack of the Clones" doesn't. Better than "Phantom Menace," but still a far cry from its sprightly "Star Wars" roots. Too computerized, too ponderous and at two hours and 22 minutes, too long. Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) is such a brat, you'll question what Padme (Natalie Portman) sees in him, but romance does blossom between them. — M. Pols. (PG: sustained sequences of sci-fi action/violence) 2 hours, 22 minutes. C+

"STUART LITTLE 2": The gang returns for another reasonably fun effort. The animals from Snowball the cat to Stuart himself, a dead ringer for Michael J. Fox (who voices the character) are cute, but the choice of Meame Griffith to voice Margalo, the bird Stuart develops a crush on, borders on the creepy. Innovative in a visual sense but painfully outdated from a mother's perspective. Geena Davis fits every stereotype of a pesky annoying 1950s mom. Moreover, this movie is so short it will only distract your kids for a hour. Surely today's working parents deserve more for their dollar. — M. Pols. (PG: for brief mild language) 1 hour, 12 minutes. C+

"THE SUM OF ALL FEARS": Jack Ryan may have been exploring anti-aging creams since "Clear and Present Danger," because the Tom Clancy hero formerly played by Harrison Ford is portrayed by twentysomething Ben Affleck in this latest adaptation of one of Clancy's popular spy novels. It's the usual terrorist stuff with a misplaced nuclear warhead on the loose, the world's future in jeopardy and Jack rushing to save us. There's a difference this time, though in terms of disaster narrowly averted, and it may be very hard for some folks, those still caught up in the Sept. 11 mind-set, to sit back and enjoy this harrowing ride. Look for Morgan Freeman as the smooth-as-silk CIA director. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, disaster images and one strong language) 2 hours, 4 minutes. C+

"SUNSHINE STATE": The most thoughtful and rewa... movie of the summer. John Savies takes on the unlikely topic of development in coastal Florida and somehow makes it interesting. He's woven together, as usual, a number of stories about vaguely connected characters, in particular two women acted with great zest by Eddie Falco and Angel... Let the latter plays a woman who escaped her hometown and has returned, reluctantly, for a visit, while the former is just coming to grips with her own need to move on. What is particularly pleasing about this film is its steady sense of humor and optimism. As much as things may be changing on Plantation Island, humanity continues to thrive. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexuality and language) 2 hours, 21 minutes. A-

"THIRTEEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ONE THING": More accurately, 13 tedious conversations about nothing. One of those movies, like "Magnolia," that interweaves stories about characters we know will ultimately be connected. When they work, we leave with a sense of something bigger, but this indie film from writer/director Jill Sprecher only adds up to a muddled, fractured, pretentious bore. With Matthew McConaughey, John Turturro, Clea DuVall and Alan Arkin as some of the various characters enduring story lines meant to teach them about life. Only Arkin shines. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief drug use) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C-

"ULTIMATE X": This 43-minute film skillfully unites the IMAX cameras with such visual spectacles as skateboarding, BMX biking, Moto-X and street luge competitions. A behind-the-scenes look at the 2001 X Games that's both fun and exciting. — R. Wuntch. (PG: intense sports action, mild language) 43 minutes. B+

"UNDERCOVER BROTHER": In this corner, we have Michael. Bo-ton-istering, Banana Republic-shopping WASP America. And in the other, we have Cadillac-driving, James Brown-worshipping African America. Eddie Griffin is Undercover Brother, a do-gooder with a thing for the 70s. He's recruited for a top-secret organization that fights for "truth, justice and the African American Way." This can't-miss material does — miss, that is Director Malcolm D. Lee blows one sure-thing bit after another and fails to let, or make, his cast be funny. — R. Moore. (PG-13: language, sexual humor, drug content and campy violence) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C-

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another hard-hitting report on "NBC Nightly News," says reporter Alexia Christopoulos, on KPXX-TV's early show the other morning, "You can now get one hour of AOL-Time Warner for \$10 — about what it cost you to get into their 'Austin Powers' movie."

MEDIA NOTES: It's one to play the classics and

back-announce the composer and year, which KDFC dutifully does, of course. But the S.F. classical station, which placed a strong seventh in the latest local radio ratings, goes even further, adding historical context in a feature called "Blind Date," by not just giving a blind date.

After giving the year Tele-mann composed his "Quartet for Four Violins in A," for example, the station explained that this was the same year (1831) chloroform was invented and also the same year Darwin set out on his famous voyage of discovery on HMS Beagle to the Galapagos Islands. And how many places on the dial can learn some history and hear good music?

Speaking of classy radio, it's good to see National Public Radio finally getting its due. Showtime will rerun "Our America" next Wednesday (Aug. 7) at 8 p.m. In case you missed its premiere last Sunday, it's the true story of Chicago's gutsy NPR affiliate hiring two black teenagers

from the city's housing projects to document their day-to-day life for a controversial, award-winning documentary called "Ghetto 101."

The two young men did a follow-up report in 1994, on the death of a child in the projects, that eventually won the two a prestigious Peabody Award and their NPR producer, David Isay, a MacArthur "Genius" Grant. If you get Showtime, don't miss this fine film.

More class acts: After schlepping up to Rohnert Park from the East Bay for years to broadcast minor-league games on a tiny public FM station (partly to keep his announcing chops up), it's great to hear Alameda's Steve Bitter doing more A's games this summer, subbing for Bill King. The KCBS sports anchor has also been getting in plenty of nice plugs for his home town, once even calling Alameda "our little island paradise." ...

If you think you look bleary-eyed when you get up, you should have seen the half-asleep Fremont schoolkids one

day last week. They were assembled for a 5:17 a.m. live shot with KPXX weatherman Lawrence Karnow to plug that East Bay city's Festival of the Arts.

It could have been worse, Lawrence: One morning a couple of years ago, KGO shipped weatherman Joel Bartlett over to Alcatraz at that early hour to do a live shot plugging a third-rate ABC show. To add to the misery quotient, Bartlett was then chained to a KGO sports anchor in a jail cell.

Finally, one Berkeley reader forwards these new song titles for old hits that will accommodate radio's aging Boomer audience. These are guaranteed to get your feet tapping: "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Walker," "Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver," "You Make Me Feel Like Napping," "Talkin' Bout My Medication" ... And my personal favorite: The Temptations, singing "Papa's Got a Kidney Stone."

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net

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fault and Election to Sell to the Recorder of the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date July 19, 2002. Allied Trustee Services, Inc. 2270 Douglas Boulevard, #112, Roseville, California 95667. For Sales Information Please Call 916-367-7728. Allis Lamphere, Trustee's Sale Officer ASAP490666 8/2/02 8/15. Legal The Journal #0965. Publish August 2, 9, 16, 2002. FLED JULY 08 2002 STEPHEN L WEIR County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By J. ODEGAARD Deputy

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: U-SAVE AUTO RENTAL at 3580 Hilltop Mall Rd. in Richmond, CA 94806.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on 3/15/01 under file number 2001-07-001911-3-00 Barry Winick 115 Ridgepointe Circle, CA 94547. This business was conducted by an individual, s/Barry Winick.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by the file stamp above.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: DOUGLASS ENTERTAINMENT is located at 6022 Willow St. #1 in El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Laurence Tatro, 358 N. Ringmont Mountain View, CA 94043 Felix Hwang, 5623 Willow St. #1 El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the trustee, to-wit: \$2,023.52 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, Hilltop Green Homeowners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of De-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: RICHMOND OFFICE CENTER is located at 1500 Hilltop Mall Rd. in Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chai Lin 714 Ashbury Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Chai Lin.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by the file stamp above.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: U-SAVE AUTO RENTAL is located at 3580 Hilltop Mall Rd. in Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ansar El Muhammad 220 St. Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Ansar El Muhammad.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: CITY HOUSE CLEANING is located at 1764 Costa Ave in Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Maria Pantaja 1764 Costa Ave Richmond, CA 94805.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: U-SAVE AUTO RENTAL is located at 3580 Hilltop Mall Rd. in Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Barry Winick 115 Ridgepointe Circle, CA 94547.

This business was conducted by an individual, s/Barry Winick.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: U-SAVE AUTO RENTAL is located at 3580 Hilltop Mall Rd. in Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephen L Weir 1003 Bayview Farm Rd #203 in El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Stephen L Weir.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: L.A. BEAUTY MUSEUM 2) ROCKSILL PRODUCTS is located at 303 43RD ST. IN RICHMOND, CA 94805.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Emporramind Corporation State of Incorporation California.

This business is conducted by a corporation, s/Sung On Yun, President.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): La Shunda Hams 1820 Hoffman Blvd Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/LaShunda Hams.

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FLED JULY 11 2002 STEPHEN L WEIR County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By D. MCHUGH Deputy

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Expire July 19, 2007. Legal The Journal #0956. Publish August 02, 2002.

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owner(s): Bruce D Corey Jr 5057 Contra Costa Rd. Fairfield, CA 94543.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Bruce D Corey Jr.

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FLED JULY 10 2002 STEPHEN L WEIR County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By B. BASCH Deputy

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This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stephanie Wilson 1003 Bayview Farm Rd #203 in El Cerrito, CA 94530.

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This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zena Krutzck 448 29th St. Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Zena Krutzck.

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Expire July 19, 2007. Legal The Journal #0964. Publish July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2002.

FLED JULY 10 2002 STEPHEN L WEIR County Clerk CONTRA COSTA COUNTY By B. BASCH Deputy

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The name of the business: SAGE DOCUMENTS & CONSULTING GROUP is located at 21 Lafayette St. Suite 2 in Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana M Kwan 909 East St. Suite 2 Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an individual, s/Ana Kwan.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 28, 2002.

Expire June 28, 2007. Legal The Journal #0968. Publish August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2002.

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Lawrence Thomas Lewis 1531 Kearney St. #A El Cerrito, CA 94530.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

725 Court Street P.O. Box 911 Martinez, CA 94553

PETITION OF LAWRENCE THOMAS LEWIS FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. N02-1023 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner, Lawrence Thomas Lewis, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name: Lawrence Thomas Lewis to (Proposed Name) Antonio Thomas Gato.

2. THE COURT ORDERS (a) All people interested in this matter shall appear before the court on the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

(b) A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this County: El Cerrito Journal.

Dated: 7/16/2002 JUDITH A. SANDERS Superior Court Judge Legal The Journal #962. Publish 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2002.

SUMMONS UNIFORM PARENTAGE PETITION FOR CUSTODY AND SUPPORT

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (A) (s) as Demandant(s)

SITALEKI SIU YOU ARE BEING SUED. (A) (s) as Demandant(s)

PETITIONER'S NAME IS (El Nombre Del Demandante es):

CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso): 002-03246

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response to Petition to Establish Parental Relations (JWS-1206-65), OR Respond to Petition for Custody and Support of Minor Children (FORM 1236-61a) the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file a response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you do not pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

Unstedt, June 30, 2002. CALENDARIOS después de recibir oficialmente esta notación judicial, usted debe presentar su formulario de Respuesta a Petición de Establecimiento de Relaciones Parentales (JWS-1206-65) o su formulario de Respuesta a Petición de Custodia y Soporte de Menores (FORM 1236-61a) la corte. Una carta, una llamada telefónica o no le otorgará protección. Si usted no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la

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■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more details call 848-6370.

■ **Learn Computer Applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and 98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher, Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rp.

■ **"What Is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prato-Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

■ **Emotions Anonymous:** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 238-8228 for Berkeley location.

Theater, dance, film

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center**, 1414 Walnut St., presents the film, "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport," from 2-4:30 p.m. Aug. 11, \$2 suggested donation. Peer-led discussion following film. For more information, call 848-0237.

■ **"Putting It Together,"** an evening performance program by the students of Berkeley/Oakland Allyn Camp, is at 7 p.m. Aug. 1, at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. The nationally acclaimed program, conceived and directed by Alvin Allyn American Dance Theater, inaugurates its first West Coast site on the UC Berkeley Campus this summer, and includes middle school students aged 11 to 14 from the Berkeley and Oakland Unified School Districts. Admission is free. Admission tickets may be picked up in person at the Cal Performances Ticket Office in advance and night of show. For more information, call 642-0212.

■ **Women's Will**, an all-female Shakespeare Company, presents "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," at 8 p.m. July 20 and 21, at Live Oak Park. Pack your family, friends and a picnic and join this free production. For more information, call 415-567-1758.

■ **Berkeley-based dance group, Ballet Counterpointe Rap (BCR)** presents "Works in Motion" at 8 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3, and 2 p.m. Aug. 4, at the Dance Mission Theater, 3316 24th Street in San Francisco. Tickets are \$10-20 sliding scale. For reservations and information, call 604-7063.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center**, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents "Bata Ketu," a Bay Area debut of a new work featuring an interplay of Cuban and Brazilian music and dance at 8 p.m. Aug. 3, at the Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St. Bata means Cuban sacred drum; and Ketu means Brazilian Candombe rhythm. Tickets: \$20. Bata Ketu grew from the vision of two North American percussionists Michael Spiro and Mark Lamson. For more information, call 849-2588.

■ **Actors Ensemble** of Berkeley presents "The Heidi Chronicles," Wendy Wasserstein's prize-winning comedy, at 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 10 and Thursday evening, Aug. 8. The long-running Broadway success has won the Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award, New York Drama Critics Circle Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, Drama Desk Award, Hull-Warner Award, and Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. Admission: \$10. Reservations: 528-5620.

■ **Film-maker Paul Ginochio** presents his documentary "A Place Named Destiny," at 7:30 p.m. July 25, at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. The film-maker follows a diverse group of Oakland teen-agers as they join up with the Destiny Arts Young Performance Company, an after-school arts program that teaches young people theater, dance, spoken word, and martial arts. Cost: \$5 to \$15, sliding scale. Proceeds benefit the Destiny Arts Center. For more information, call 839-8911.

■ **Shotgun Players** presents Shakespeare's rarely performed "Troilus and Cressida," opening 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays July 27 through Sept. 1, at John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue. Tickets are pay-what-you-can. Details or reservations: 704-8210.

■ **Woody Allen** films are shown every

Wednesday through July at 1:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. in Berkeley. The showings are free. Details: 981-5190.

■ **Learn easy** international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schulte Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

■ **Berkeley's Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley, offers American Sign Language classes as part of its fall 2003 semester. Enrollment is open now through Sept. 7. Tuition is \$11 for California residents. Call (510)981-2872 for more information and a free brochure.

■ **Albany Adult School** offers classes in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Details: 559-6580.

■ **Folkdance classes**, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (prorated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. Details: Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

■ **Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

■ **Assets Senior Employment** offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

■ **The Albany YMCA** offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnastics and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. Details: 525-1130.

■ **Julia Morgan Center** for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

■ **The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Education Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ **The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ **Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2800 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

■ **A CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

■ **Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 8:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ **Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ **Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohm and Judith Carroll. Details: 845-6830.

■ **Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

■ **Dance and Fitness** Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2800 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug** 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month: Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley. Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

■ **The Volunteer Center** of Alameda County seeks the following volunteers:

Hardware Technician Trainer—A nonprofit agency refurbishes donated computers to families, schools, and non-profit agencies. Volunteer opportunities in the area of technology and office and public contact are needed but the agency is most desperately in need of a Hardware Technician Trainer.

Hospice Patient Care Volunteer—Peninsula hospice provides support services to the dying and their families and caregivers. The hospice provides services such as physician and nursing care, bereavement counseling, physical and occupational therapy, nutritional counseling, and social work. Volunteers are needed for the thrift shop, office, and especially for patient respite care.

■ **Bulk Mailing**—Stuff, sort, and seal envelopes for this East Bay project that supports Tibetan people in their ongoing effort to resort and transmit their religious and cultural heritage. This all volunteer organization prints and distributes texts and art, as well as provides direct aid to monks, nuns, monastic, and educational centers. For more information about volunteer

opportunities at the Volunteer Center of Alameda County, call 925-462-3570.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit community organization seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick-up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of spaced, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information.

■ **Volunteers** are needed to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

■ **Crisis Support Services** of Alameda County needs volunteers to maintain its 24-hour crisis line. Make the difference between hope and despair for a person in need. No prior experience required, excellent training provided. Do something to help your community. Call 848-1515 for more information.

■ **Tibetan Aid Project** seeks volunteers to help preserve the ancient wisdom of Tibet. Assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books. Prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Or help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. For location and more information, call 800-338-4238.

■ **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center**, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls on a daily basis to seniors, convalescents, and others who are home-bound. Volunteers pick the days they would like to call and use phones at Alta Bates. For more information, call Sabra, 204-4487, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

■ **Pediatric Care** provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekly evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call Pediatric Care at 531-7551 for more information.

Volunteers

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Mini Fox, Aug. 8
Mel Martin, Aug. 9
Dick Conti Quartet, Aug. 10
Music at 5:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810
FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Modern Hicks and the Warblers, Aug. 2. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Talk of da Town and the Mighty Prince Singers, Aug. 3. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
The Byron Berline Band, John Hickman, Aug. 4. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
The Hot Buttered Rum String Band, Aug. 6. \$14.50 to \$16.50.
Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, Aug. 7. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Gunnar Madsen, Aug. 8. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Henri-Pierre Koubaka, Aug. 9. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Tony MacMahon, Jody Stecher and Eric Thompson, Aug. 10. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Jim Hurst and Missy Raines, Aug. 11. \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Call for unlisted prices. Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1781 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org

THE GREEK THEATRE — Cake, Flaming Lips, De La Soul, Modest Mouse, Kinky, The Hackensaw Boys, Aug. 10, 5 p.m. \$35. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, 415-421-TIXS. sfx.com or ticketmaster.com

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Junior Courtney Big Band, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$14.

Lady Blue, Deuce Eclipse, Shania D., Lickshot Crew, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. \$10
De Rompe y Raja with Lucho Cabrera, Aug. 10, 8 p.m. \$13 to \$15.
3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or www.lapena.org

924 GILMAN STREET — The Insurgent, Pix the Pilot, Deconditioned, Blast Fo Me, Aug. 2.

The Enemies, Divi, The Fleshes, The Blottos, Maruism, Aug. 3.
The Locust, Lightning Bolt, Arab on Radar, Hella, Aug. 4.

The Explosion, The Damn Personals, Modern Machines, High Wire Days, Aug. 9
Dillinger Four, The Lawrence Arms, Toys That Kill, The Arrivals, The Attack, Aug. 10

Yaphet Kotto, Calvary, Omega Cinco, The Shivering, Aug. 11, 5 p.m.

For all ages. Shows are \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 5 p.m. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Shelley Doty X-tet, Cactus Motel, Aug. 2. \$7 to \$10

Blinky, Virgin Mega Whore, Hope Child, Aug. 3. \$5.

World Wide Wild Witch Women for the Trees, Pandemonia, Kioka Grace and Land of the Blind, Wendy Wu, Cait McWit, Aug. 8, 9:30 p.m. \$6.

Left Hand Smoke, Schvilkus, Aug. 9, 9:30 p.m. \$7

Mark Growden's Electric Pinata, Beth Custer Ensemble, Aug. 10, 9:30 p.m. \$7

"Dance Class and Celi," Monday, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance. Free

Open Mic, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Sign-ups at 7:30 p.m. Free

"Poetry Slam with Charles Eli," Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. \$7.

"The Starry Irish Music Session," led by Shay Black, Sunday. Sliding scale

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

MUSIC AT TRADER VIC'S EMERYVILLE — Jazz at 5, ongoing With Claudio Medeiros and Carlos Oliveira.

No cover. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Trader Vic's Emeryville, 9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville. 510-653-3400.

OAKLAND ARENA — Cher, Cyndi Lauper, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.

\$49.75 to \$75.75. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 925-762-2277, 510-762-2277, 415-478-2277, 408-998-2277, 650-478-2277, 916-766-2277, 707-546-2277 or tickets.com

YOSHIS — Bobby Hutcherson All-Star Quintet, through Aug. 4. \$22 to \$26.

Ledisi, Aug. 6 and Aug. 7. \$14.

Maraca, Aug. 8 through Aug. 11. \$20 to \$24.

Sunday matinees are \$5 per child and \$10 per adult with one child. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

EXHIBITS

ARDENCY GALLERY — "First Year Anniversary Group Exhibition," through Aug. 17. New works from various artists.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 709 Broadway, Oakland. 510-836-0831 or www.ardencyart.com

ASIAN RESOURCE GALLERY — "Crizel's World: Butterflies and Benzene," through Sept. 13. The story of 6-year-old Crizel Jane Valencia (1994-2000) whose terminal leukemia was linked to toxic waste left by the United

States Air Force. Free. 310 Eighth St., Oakland. 510-287-5353.

BERKELEY ART CENTER — "Red Rivers Run Through Us" closing Aug. 11. Featuring art and writings by Tom Currie, Katharine Cook, Maryanne Teng Hogarth, Doug Howerton, Maxine Hong Kingston, Pauline Laurent, Monica Rosenthal, Gregory Ross, James Stadig and Sara Schomp. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org

BERKELEY ARTS FESTIVAL GALLERY — "Freedom Now!" through Aug. 25. An exhibition of political art. Free. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 2342 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-665-9496

CHI GALLERY — Marv Roussan and Jeanette Madden, closing Aug. 3. An exhibition of portraits of the black male by Roussan and paintings exploring the texture of black hair by Madden. Free. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, noon-5 p.m. 912A Clay St., Oakland. 510-832-4CHI

GALLERY 555 — "Balancing Acts," through Oct. 10. An exhibition of organic cardboard forms of sculptor Ann Weber. Free. Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. 555 City Center, 555 12th St., Oakland. www.oaklandcitycenter.com

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — "Paintings and Drawings," through Oct. 4. Works by Jan Wurm. Free. Monday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-649-2500

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY — "Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," opened. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590

JUNE STEINGART GALLERY — "Elemental," through Aug. 22. New paintings by Matthew Purdon. Reception, Aug. 14, 4 p.m. Free. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Laney College, 900 Fallon St., Oakland. www.matthewpurdon.com

PRO ARTS — "New Visions: Introductions '02," closing Aug. 10. A juried exhibition of works by California's emerging artists. Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland. 510-763-4361

ROYAL GROUND GALLERY — "Summer Show," through Sept. 29. Guest artist: Paulsteven Di Leo. A gallery exhibition of paintings, monotypes, photography and sculpture. Free. Daily, 9

Calendar

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required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Details: 643-1924

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. Details: 548-6933

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Details: 528-9455

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Details: 548-9286 ext. 309

Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an

educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail crucible@ups.net for more information on how to get involved

There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the home bound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. Details: 215-4342

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Mitsubishi WS65908	former top-of-line 65" HD-upgradeable	\$4999	\$3497
Panasonic PT52DL10	16:9 52" DLP HD-capable TV	\$7999	\$4997
Mitsubishi WS73905	in-box former best 73" HD-upgradeable	\$7999	\$5999
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Denon AVR1601	surround sound receiver with Dolby® Digital	\$399	\$157
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Denon DVD800	hi-performance CD/DVD player with remote	\$399	\$197
Sony STRDB1050	100Wx5 surround receiver w/ Dolby® Digital	\$799	\$297
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Section D

Classic Classics: A 1923 Bentley race car [D2]

MICHELLE KREBS
Freewheeling

drivers
distracted
cell phones

drivers' prowess at surfing
Internet and playing video
games doesn't help when it comes
to driving and talking on cell
phones.
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cording to a new study by Ford re-
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on a turntable, held aloft
by hydraulic legs. The turntable
simulates the motion of the
road.
The dome, a Ford Taurus
(with engine removed) is
on the floor. The wall in front

Freewheeling Page D3



HONDA'S new Pilot is as all-American as its exterior appearance, closely fitting in with the more traditional GM truck look. On the inside, the Pilot is all about the family, with lots of storage space and 90.3-cubic feet of cargo volume.

2003 Honda Pilot enters sport utility vehicle market

I'm betting the all-new Honda Pilot will become the best-selling sport utility vehicle on the market in record time. The Pilot has everything the typical SUV buyer wants.

Like most of Honda's well-built vehicles, the Pilot should quickly rise to the top of the list on the consumer radar screen.

The Pilot is as all-American as its exterior appearance, closely fitting in with the more traditional GM truck look. This kind of "blending in" will appeal to the mainstream

buyer.

On the inside, the Pilot is all about the family. Honda calls its SUV "stufferable," with lots of storage space and 90.3-cubic feet of cargo volume.

The panoramic glass provides for 282-degrees of outward visibility — one of my favorite attributes of the tester.

Pilot comes in two models, the LX and EX, with base prices of \$26,900 and \$29,270 respectively.

Both models are equipped with a four-wheel drive configuration,

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Keane on Wheels

dual front and side airbags, air conditioning, AM/FM/CD, as well as power locks, mirrors and windows.

My tester, the uplevel EX, comes with an eight-way power driver seat, roof rails, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls and premium sound equipment.

While the Pilot is a massive vehicle that can accommodate eight

passengers in stadium-style seating, it is not in the behemoth league of the Expedition or Suburban.

However, Honda brags that its newest SUV is more than 4 inches wider than the TrailBlazer, Explorer or Highlander.

The Pilot's 77-inch width certainly does provide for a family recreational-room-style interior.

But when it comes to negotiating parking lots, I have to pull the Pilot into the space, back up, adjust, and pull back in again.

This vehicle delivers on-demand,

confident performance with its 3.5-liter, 24-valve, V6 engine.

As soon as I press down on the gas pedal, this energetic powerplant kicks up its 240 horsepower and 242 pound-feet of torque, giving me immediate results.

The five-speed automatic transmission delivers an effortless, smooth performance as it quietly shifts through the gears.

Pilot is equipped with a Variable Torque Management Four-Wheel

See KEANE, Page D2

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For the last 70 years Rolls-Royce and Bentley have been linked — until now. We are on the eve of the two automobile companies once again going their separate ways.

Turning back to when Bentley was an independent motor car manufacturer, records indicate that a car was ordered by a Mr. Lapizburn of Bournemouth, Dorset, in order for him to go racing at Brooklands, the famous banked racing circuit. The company was quick to accommodate.

A three-liter silver and blue open tourer with a lightweight aluminum body by Park Ward was delivered on a 120-inch wheelbase in August 1923.

Over several years the 75-horsepower car was entered many times at Brooklands. In July 1924, the car achieved a lap speed of 96 miles per hour. The person who purchased the race Bentley from the original owner is unknown.

The car resurfaced in 1950 in Connecticut and years later was sold to a Rhode Island man who is a neighbor of Paul Sydlowski.

Dr. Sydlowski, a veteran aficionado of early Bentleys, admired his neighbor's car, now green, until the autumn of 1987, when the neighbor casually mentioned that he was going to free up garage space by getting rid of this gem. "Go no further," Sydlowski said. "That's my car."

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Upon careful examination of his newly acquired treasure, Sydlowski discovered the chassis number was 332 which indicates, he says, "That this was one of the early customer racing cars."

Modifications by Bentley Motors in 1925 included an experimental intake manifold and sloper carburetors which were still on the car more than 60 years later.

In the 1960s the original full front fenders were replaced by "blade" fenders, more in keeping with the sports/racing heritage of the vehicle. The front and rear fenders now are connected by a rubber-covered piece of wood which also serves as a running board.

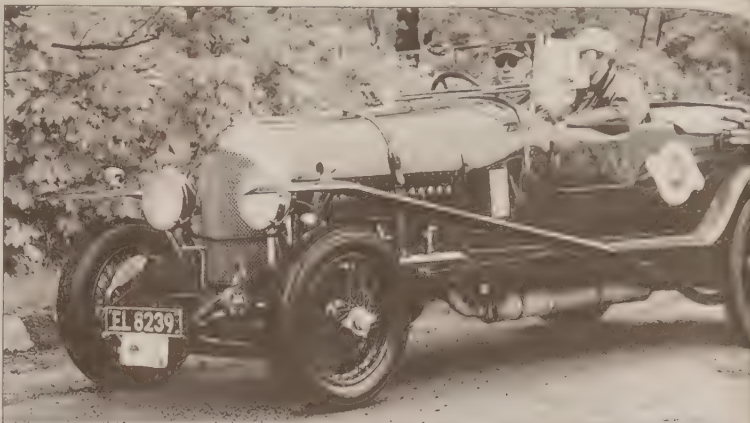
"It was in a fairly disreputable shape," Sydlowski says. It was, however, all there. He sent his Bentley back to the homeland in October 1987 for a mechanical restoration. "It was well worn," Sydlowski says, "but no cosmetic work was needed."

Sydlowski received word the next summer that the work was complete. He flew to England to inspect the car and, to his dismay and dissatisfaction, the work was not acceptable. A year later, in 1989, the car was restored to his satisfaction and he shipped the bumperless Bentley home.

Since then, Sydlowski and his wife, Barbara, long-term members of the Bentley Driver's Club, have participated in countless club events around the world, such as racing, hill climbs and cruises. "We've enjoyed almost 40,000 trouble-free miles," Sydlowski says.

Ideally, the car should be shifted into second gear at 13 mph, third gear at 26 mph and fourth gear at 52 mph. The gear shift lever sprouts from the floor at the right knee of the driver of the right-hand-drive Bentley.

It doesn't interfere with access because



OWNER had this 1923 Bentley race car restored in England and now has driven it "almost 40,000 trouble-free miles," he says.

there is no door on that side. The hand brake is on the outside of the car and is easily operated.

The gasoline tank has a 14/15 imperial gallon capacity, which makes for a comfortable cruising range. Sydlowski reports mileage figures on the upper side of 20 mpg.

With a car approaching 80 years of age, Sydlowski marvels at the aluminum alloy pistons and four valves per cylinder. Aren't several current car companies boasting about those features today?

Seated behind the four-spoke steering wheel, the 4,000 rpm tachometer and 100-mph speedometer are visible on the spartan dashboard. Despite the four latches securing the engine hood, a leather strap is there as a backup measure — just in case.

Even though Sydlowski's car has no heater, heat thrown off from the engine warms the occupants. A vent on each side of the cowl draws air into the cockpit at angle level.

The top hasn't been up in 10 years," Sydlowski says. He keeps the flat windshield well-waxed, allowing any rainwater

to bead beautifully. Sydlowski's solution to driving in an open car in the rain is simply to go faster.

Sydlowski says the best part of owning a vintage Bentley is being part of the Bentley Driver's Club. The members make own-

ing a hideously expensive car.

If you have a vehicle of interest, write to Vern Parker, Classic Classics, 4635 Bailey Drive, West Hills, CA 91361. Phone 818/341-1988 or 1-800-410-9109 detailing its merits.

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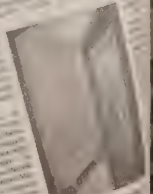
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Regular maintenance tips for older car

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Auto QnA

Q I am recently on my own and would like your advice on how to take care of my car.

I'm speaking of what should be checked, how often and under what conditions I should bring it in for service. My husband used to take care of all of this, and I haven't a clue what to do.

It's an older car, and the owner's manual is nowhere to be found.

Phyllis Masters,
Riverside, Calif.

A I'll assume your car is in good condition and we need to concentrate on maintaining it.

Let's start by checking the oil and coolant reservoir level every second or third tank of gas, along with a visual check of the tires for noticeably low pressure.

After a while you'll have a good idea of how these might vary — and possibly increase or decrease your frequency of inspection.

Some cars guzzle oil, leak coolant or have leaky tires, while others rarely need attention.

I'd take the car in for an oil and filter change every 4,000 to 5,000 miles or six months, whichever comes first.

If your driving is mostly short hops — when the engine rarely runs at full operating temperature — change the oil a bit more frequently.

Hopefully your service folks will check tire pressure, under-hood fluid levels and sniff around for leaks or signs of trouble.

Oil-change facilities can be aggressive recommending a variety of extras.

Be sure to keep track of what's been done to the car and you'll have a good idea of what to agree to or pass on.

Around every second or third oil change, you'll want to rotate the tires — omit tire balancing unless shaking is felt — check the brakes, belts and hoses, exhaust system and engine/transmission for noises, leaks or other signs of trouble.

Every 30,000 miles the car should receive a major service.

Older vehicles typically receive a tuneup (spark plugs, distributor cap and rotor, air and fuel filters, PCV valve), automatic transmission service, possibly a wheel-bearing pack, tire balancing and a few additional inspections.

If you're planning to keep the car for a long time, I'd also recommend flushing/renewing the engine coolant and brake fluid at this time.

If reliability is paramount, replacing the belts and hoses also should be considered.

You can expect repair work or replacement parts to be needed periodically, such as the replacement of a faulty water pump, battery, brakes, shocks, suspension parts, muffler, etc.

Most of these parts last many years, and with regular inspections, there should be few surprises.

When the car reaches a certain point, perhaps 150,000 miles, has failing paint and upholstery, or falls into a pattern of expensive repairs, it's probably time to replace it.

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Slashing prices: The discounting storm is finally hitting the luxury-car market.

As overall auto sales prices drift down amid concerns about the economy, new terrorist threats and a faltering stock market, carmakers are starting to offer discounts on even their highly profitable luxury models.

According to the Wall Street Journal, this includes Porsches, Jaguars and Land Rovers.

There are also new discounts available on Saabs and Volvos.

New power ways: Toyota Motor Corp. said it will become the first automaker to market a fuel-cell hybrid passenger car in Japan and the U.S. by the end of the year — earlier than expected.

According to the Detroit

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News, Toyota said it expects full-scale commercialization of fuel-cell vehicles to begin in 2010 at the earliest.

Buyer's market: If you've been waiting, it's time to start shopping.

After cutting back on incentives in May and watching sales sag, automakers have resumed piling on deals.

How long the good times will last is anyone's guess, but market watchers say incentive fever could last into the fall, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

While it does, buyers who do a little research and are willing to compromise on issues such as exterior color or trim and equipment levels can find substantial savings as the 2002 models peter out.

Going on vacation? Overloading your vehicle creates excessive heat inside your tires.

Before loading the trunk and roof rack, check the manufacturer's recommendations for loading your vehicle.

This information is generally located on the vehicle's placard which can usually be found on the door post or in the owner's manual.

properly equipped with the optional tow package.

The automaker says its customers will use this SUV primarily for on-road, family needs. The unit-body construction, as well as lower standards of off-roadability, allowed engineers to build the Pilot with higher levels of sedan-like refinement and

fuel efficiency.

The Pilot is a Low Emissions Vehicle, achieving gas mileage ratings of 17 miles per gallon city and 22 mpg highway.

Honda says its goal for the Pilot is to become the "American Family Adventure" vehicle. Odds are it will happen in record time.

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Drive system that keeps the SUV stable in all types of road conditions. Honda's VTM-4 technology is engaged at all times so that the driver never has to wait for slippage to occur before traction is activated.

In addition, a button on the dash panel will allow the driver to put VTM-4 in a lock mode. This locking mode is useful when a driver is traveling in extra slippery conditions or preventing the vehicle from getting stuck in mud.

The Pilot is designed for only medium-duty off-road use and is not targeted toward true off-road use. In its own tests, Honda built the Pilot to meet certain off-road standards, such as climbing a 28-degree dirt hill and a 31-degree paved slope (with a two-passenger limit).

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■ Teen drivers don't share attention well when it comes to dialing a phone and driving. In the simulation, drivers dialed the phone while driving in traffic.

Adult drivers missed 12 percent of the events that occurred while dialing; teen drivers, who dialed twice as fast as the adults, missed a whopping 55 percent of the events.

The study found teens stare at the phone until they're done, where adults constantly shift attention back and forth between the phone and the road.

This makes the teens faster with gadgets but inherently less safe, Ford researchers concluded.

"There's no evidence that teens are better at multitasking, and in fact, they are more susceptible to distraction by about 50 percent more than adults," said Greenberg.

■ Teens have more trouble staying in their lane and driving precisely than adults while doing other tasks

Teens are also more prone to stray out of their lane when trying to do two things at once, such as drive and use a phone.

When focused solely on driving, all drivers stayed in their lanes almost perfectly.

■ Young drivers (under 34) don't leave enough distance between themselves and the car ahead in traffic. Safety experts say that a driver should have at least a two-second gap between themselves and the car in front of them.

In contrast, older drivers slowed down and actually kept more distance — more than the two-second, 200-foot gap between them — when driving and using a cell phone.

Sadly, what happens on real roads outside the simulator is likely to be worse than Ford's findings.

"We figure in the simulations people are doing the best they can do because they know they are being observed and are excited to participate," said Greenberg.

Ford intends to use its data, more of which will be compiled by January for a conference in Washington, D.C., to establish its own criteria for installing electronic devices without creating more distraction.

Ford further will provide the data to government regulators to use when they consider passing laws covering telematics, such as New York's law outlawing the use of hand-held phones while driving.

As features and new technologies are added to motor vehicles, concern is mounting that drivers are becoming increasingly distracted, too often taking their eyes off the road and increasing their risk of having an accident.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration estimates 20 to 30 percent of crashes — 10 percent of fatalities — involve driver inattention.

Even users of the new technology acknowledge they are distracted.

A Gallup Poll of cell phone users showed 56 percent of the respondents labeled cell phone use while driving as "very dangerous" another 36 percent said it is "somewhat dangerous."

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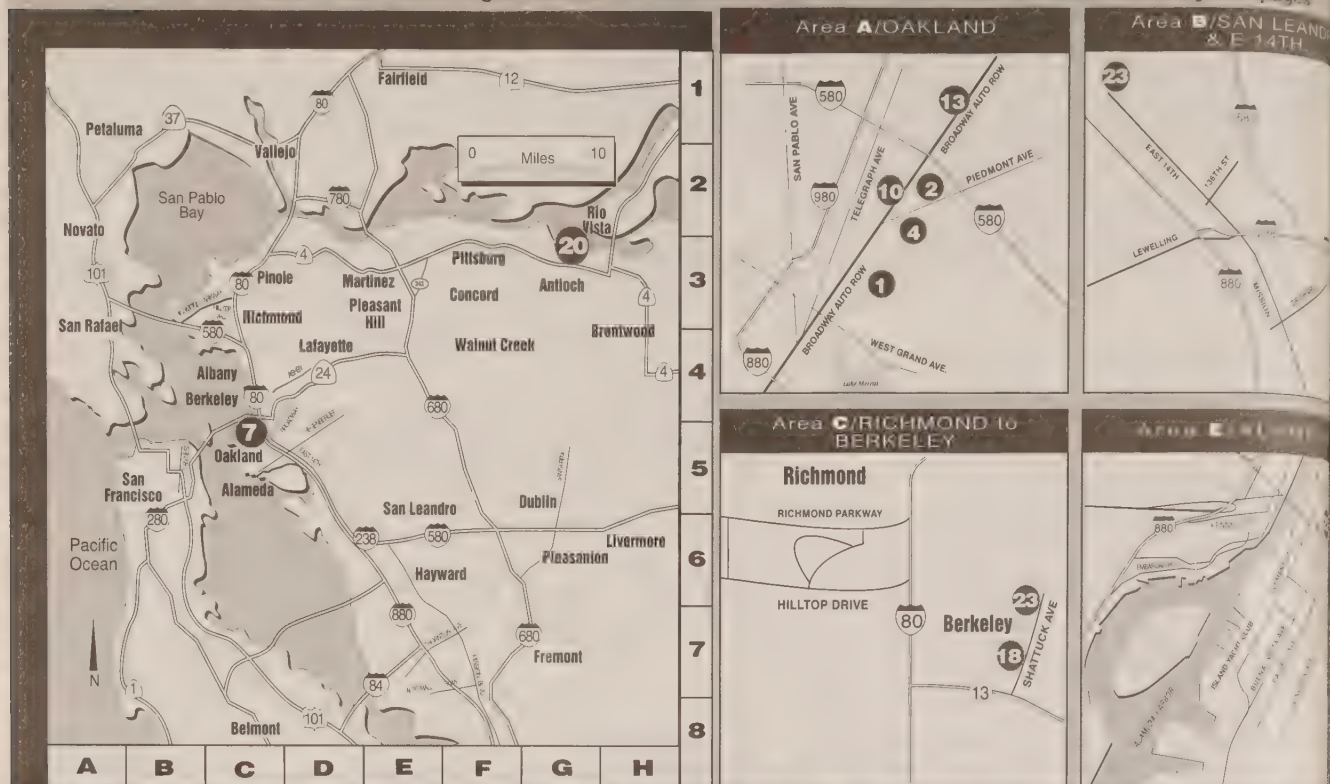
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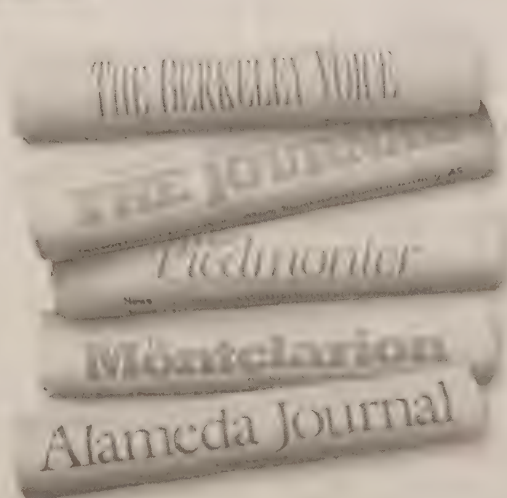
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passion for flavorful peaches

BY RONNIE FEIN

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It's peak peach season: The fruit is at its best, peaches are plentiful, plus, they're inexpensive. And not all peaches are created equal and not all of them are tasty. You let the "sale" sign tempt you, you ought to know that the best way to tell a good peach is by its smell.

Remember the beautiful rose color of the perfectly shaped peach. These are not signs of summer flavor. A flavorful peach has a very sweet perfume that lets you know it's perfectly ripe fruit from the orchard.

Pick each one and sniff it before you stuff it into a plastic bag.

Remember, hard peaches that lack floral fragrance will never develop succulence and flavor. They might become soft, but they'll taste flat. Any price is too good if it seems like a bargain.

Don't be intimidated by the peaches that stare at you. (Remember: Truffles, which are among the most highly regarded culinary treasures, are found in woods by animals trained in sniffing.) And don't be in a hurry. When the time, get a whiff of each peach and you'll be rewarded.

When you pick the peach up and smell it, touch it gently at the stem. There should be a little give, that is, a softening. But the peach should be firm overall.

You are fortunate enough to have peaches with the proper perfume. You need no more than a pinch of sugar. Or, slice them for shortcake or breakfast. Puree them for sauce or cocktails or chop them into ice cream or unfilled yogurt. No broiling, baking, or other culinary sleight-of-hand can capture peach essence as perfectly as the fruit in its raw state.

But, if you wish to capitalize on the peach and simply can't find the raw fruit you find, there

are some delicious prospects.

Roasting concentrates the sugar and flavor of a ripe peach. It is a simple process: cut the fruit in half, season it and put it in a hot oven for a few minutes. Our recipe suggests flavoring the peaches with herbs: lemon verbena, mint, thyme and rosemary complement peaches well. But you might try more traditional seasonings of cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and ginger, or even curry powder if you intend to serve the roasted peaches with meat.

Roasted peaches are fine served plain, but are a touch more voluptuous when accompanied by ice cream, "creme fraiche" or whipped cream. Simpler additions such as fresh raspberries, blackberries or a Madeleine cookie can be just as glamorous. Roasted peaches are also terrific toppers for French toast or pancakes, and work perfectly as a side dish to roasted or grilled pork, ham or poultry.

Peach pie is a favorite and freezes well. It helps extend the summer season for as long as eight months, double wrapped in plastic wrap. Think how refreshing a summer peach pie will be when winter's cold weather comes.

For more prolonged peach pleasure, consider preserves. You can put up chutney, relish, jam and pickles that will last a year on the shelf. Our chutney recipe is a nice side dish with roasted turkey, pork or duck.

Peach recipes by Ronnie Fein

ROASTED PEACHES WITH FRESH HERBS

4 large ripe peaches
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh lemon verbena or rosemary
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme or mint

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the peaches in half and re-

move and discard the pits.

Brush the peaches with the melted butter. Place the peaches, cut side up, in a baking pan. Dust with the sugar. Sprinkle on the chopped fresh herbs.

Roast for 5 minutes. Turn the peaches over. Roast for another 3-7 minutes, or until tender when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife.

Serve warm or at room temperature, plain or with vanilla ice cream or lemon sherbet. Makes 4 servings.

PEACH PIE

8 large, ripe peaches, peeled and cut into slices
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
3 tablespoons minute tapioca
Dash of salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 unbaked 9-inch pie crust
Strawberry crust:
3/4 cup flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Dash of salt
6 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Place peaches in a large bowl. Toss the peaches with the lemon juice. Add the sugar, tapioca, salt and cinnamon and toss ingredients to coat the peach slices. Pour the mixture into the unbaked pie crust.

In another bowl, or in an electric mixer or food processor, combine the flour, sugar, cinnamon and dash of salt. Add the butter and work the pieces into the dry ingredients with hands or a pastry blender (or on low with a flat beater in a mixer, or on pulse with a food processor) until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Place the crumbs on top of the peach filling.

Bake for about 45 minutes or until top is golden brown. Makes 1 9-inch pie.



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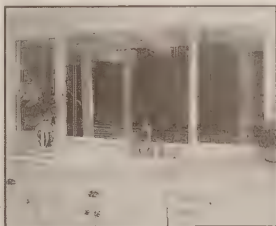
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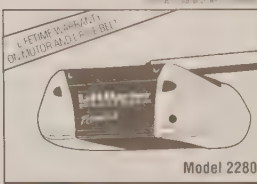
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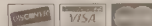


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Pasta: The right shape for the right sauce

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When making pasta dishes, choose a pasta shape and sauce that complement each other. Thin, delicate pastas such as angel hair or thin spaghetti should be served with light, thin sauces.

Thicker pasta shapes, such as fettuccine, work well with heavier sauces. Pasta shapes with holes or ridges such as mostaccioli or radiatore, are perfect for chunkier sauces.

Here are five pasta shapes that will get you out of the macaroni rut:

Fusilli — A long version of corkscrew pasta, sort of a spiraled spaghetti.

Gemelli — The name means "twins" in Italian. These are short rods twisted together in a spiral pattern. They're great with any sauce, or in pasta salads or casseroles.

Orzo — In Italian this means "barley," but it's actually a tiny, rice-shaped pasta. It can be topped with any sauce, added to soups, or baked as a casserole.

Penne rigate — Medium-size hollow tubes of pasta, cut diagonally about 1½ inches long. A versatile pasta that's popular with sauce, vegetables, in salads and casseroles.

Radiatore — These resemble small radiators. The ruffled, ridged shape adds elegant interest to any sauce. It also works well baked in casseroles, or used in salads and soups.

How much pasta should you cook?

Volume depends on the shape of the pasta, so use these measurements as general guidelines only.

■ 8 ounces uncooked small to medium pasta shapes such as elbow macaroni, rotini, medium shells, bow ties and penne equals 4 cups cooked pasta

■ 8 ounces uncooked long pasta shapes (a bunch about 1½ inches in diameter) equals 4 cups cooked

■ 8 ounces uncooked egg noodles equals 2½ cups cooked.

Cook perfect pasta

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1. Boil 4 to 6 quarts of water for 1 pound of dry pasta. (You can divide this recipe depending on how much pasta you are cooking.)

2. Add the pasta with a stir and return the water to a boil.

3. Stir the pasta occasionally during cooking.

4. Follow the package directions for cooking times. If the pasta is to be used as part of a dish that requires further cooking, undercook the pasta by 1/3 of the cooking time specified on the package.

5. Taste the pasta to determine if it is done. Perfectly cooked pasta should be "al dente," or firm to the bite, yet cooked through.

6. Drain pasta immediately and follow the rest of the recipe.

7. The only time you should rinse pasta after draining is when you are going to use it in a cold dish, or when you are not going to add sauce and serve it immediately. In those cases, rinse the pasta under cold water to stop the cooking process, and drain well.

Source: National Pasta Association



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Dress it up

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½ teaspoon chili powder
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper

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1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove minced garlic
2 tablespoons lemon juice
chopped cilantro to taste
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

SESAME DRESSING
¼ cup toasted sesame seeds
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1/3 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon minced garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

ORANGE VINAIGRETTE
¼ cup orange juice
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Salt and white pepper to taste

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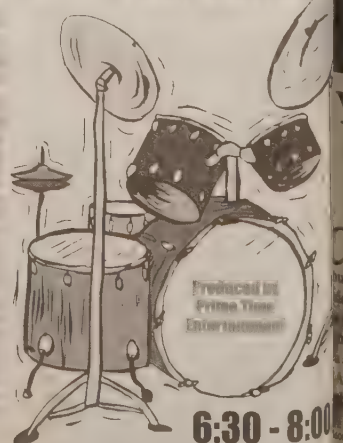
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block of chocolate and melt the pieces in a saucepan. The beauty of using microwaveable chocolate wafers for truffle making is that liquid makes it solidify quickly. So, get ready to stir after adding the cream and liquid flavoring to your bowl of melted chocolate. Once smooth and fudge-like, the ganache is ready for chilling in the refrigerator.

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DENVER QUICHE

- 4 ounces (about 2 cups) fine egg noodles, cooked and drained
- 1 cup chopped green peppers
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 cup (4 oz.) chopped cooked lean ham
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup skim or low-fat milk
- 2 teaspoons prepared mustard

To form crust, press noodles over bottom and up sides of lightly

greased, deep, 9-inch pie plate or quiche dish.

In small covered saucepan over medium heat, cook peppers and onion in water until peppers are crisp-tender. Stir in ham. Sprinkle evenly over noodle crust. Beat together eggs, milk and mustard until thoroughly blended. Carefully pour over vegetables and ham.

Bake in preheated 375 degrees F oven until puffed in center and knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 30 to 40 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

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PEACH CHUTNEY
Grinds ripe peaches, peeled into slices
1/2 cups cider vinegar
1/2 cups sugar
Small onion, chopped
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup dried currants
Small red bell pepper,

chopped
2 tablespoons mustard seed
1 ounce crystallized ginger, crushed
2 dried red chili peppers
Place the peach slices and cider vinegar into a saucepan and bring the ingredients to a boil. Lower the heat and cook for 10 minutes.
Add the sugar, onion, raisins, currants and bell pepper. Stir to combine ingredients.
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and chili peppers.
Cook mixture at a bare simmer for about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until the mixture is thick, stirring occasionally.
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Ronnie Fein is the author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cooking Basics" (MacMillan, third edition, \$16.95).

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Grilled cheese gets an upgrade

BY AMANDA HESSER
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Think for an instant about a ham and cheese sandwich, a fancy ham and cheese, with prosciutto and a slice of Asiago slipped between slices of good country bread, sprinkled with olive oil. You could eat it and be splendidly pleased.

But if you warmed up your waffle maker — or newly purchased sandwich press — and put the sandwich inside, you would have something altogether different.

It may seem like a small change, but it distinguishes a sandwich that has become known as a panino (panini when plural), named after the Italian word for sandwich, which is sometimes, but not always, pressed.

A little heat and pressure have a way of elevating a sandwich above its station, and panini are really no more difficult to make than a regular sandwich.

In case you are tested by a nervy guest, a panino is technically nothing more than a roll, and when it is being referred to as a preparation, it means simply a sandwich, not necessarily a toasted one.

Like all things in Italy, panini vary from region to region. In Bologna, they might come on rosettes; in Rome, on focaccia. You might be asked if you want them toasted, or they might be served without choice.

Jason Denton, an owner of Ino, a Greenwich Village restaurant that makes perhaps the best, and leanest, pressed sandwiches in New York, prefers the skimpy Italian version. "As far as they go, less is more," he said. "The more you put into it the less you're going to taste distinctly."

This, I found, is true. A single basil leaf or a slice of Black Forest ham goes a long way. Forget the heroes and grinders of your youth. The panino is a grown-up sandwich with slim portions and dense flavor.

It is as much an integrated creation as it is a showcase of your favorite flavors. With that in mind, I headed to the grocery store for fresh marjoram, sheep's milk ricotta, San Daniele prosciutto, figs, basil, tomatoes and onions.

At home, I pulled my waffle iron from the closet. The iron has a variety of plates that you can clip into it, one of which has long shallow ridges. This proved to be the perfect cooking surface. The pattern is impressed into the bread without turning it into a waffle. (The goal is to compact the ingredients without flattening the sandwich.)

Although the flavor of the bread is secondary to the flavor of the filling, it is the backbone of a panino. As such, it must have the proper texture and thickness.

Many restaurant panini are made with ciabatta or a springy, strong sandwich bread. At Ino, for instance, Blue Ribbon Bakery provides a ciabatta roll for it that is slightly undercooked. The bread is moist inside so that once toasted, it is not too dry or crunchy. The restaurant also cuts the top crust off, so there is a chewy bottom crust and a moist, delicate top.

Special-ordering bread seemed a little excessive. I was able to find ciabatta rolls as well as a dense,

moist sandwich bread, sliced thickly. For sweet panini, I bought brioche rolls. I cut the ciabatta in half and pulled out some of the center so that there would not be too much bread, as compared with the filling. This is something to experiment with. You want to be sure not to compensate for the bread with more filling. Then you would have a hero, not a panino.

Fillings are an open field, but should be limited to four flavors. At least one of them should be a meat or a cheese, for richness and flavor. You cannot go wrong with ham — smoked ham, cured ham, ham rolled in rosemary and thyme — but firm patés and sliced chicken can also be good.

With cheeses, there are almost no parameters. You can use very fresh ones like ricottas or goat cheeses, or aged provolone or cheddar.

Ingredients like onions and tomato work as they do in any other sandwich, as subtle notes of flavor. What you don't want to do, though, is pile them on as you would for a regular sandwich. You should only add tomato, for instance, for moisture or sweetness. In a panino with Black Forest ham and a lemon mayonnaise, I added sliced tomato and lots of lemon to the mayonnaise to tone down the smokiness of the ham.

In another pressed sandwich, I mixed fresh mozzarella with basil leaves and a tomato jam, which I made by cooking down chopped plum tomatoes with a little oil, sugar and salt. Basil, when heated in a sandwich, screams with flavor. The jam quieted it down.

Most tellingly would merely wilt, so you hardly ever see it in panini. I used herbs and strong, thick-leaved

lettuces, like arugula, instead. On a mozzarella sandwich on ciabatta, I sprinkled on olive oil, sliced scallions, and just a few mint and basil leaves.

With prosciutto and a fresh creamy ricotta, I added a sprig of marjoram. As it cooked, the ricotta seeped out a little on the sides, but created a warm, creamy pocket in the middle.

The marjoram flavored the cheese so that in some bites you tasted the herb, in some you didn't. This is fine, even desirable. A panino should not be uniform.

For just a few panini, I did some prep work in advance, caramelizing thick slabs of Spanish onion and sautéing mixed mushrooms. I put a little of each on the ciabatta and paired them first with Asiago, then mozzarella. (I preferred the mozzarella.) I could also have swapped the cheese for something like serrano ham.

Once a sandwich is assembled (the filling, by the way, should be thin enough that the halves of bread still almost touch), it helps to press down on it with your palm, compacting it and breaking any stiff parts of the crust, so it doesn't slide apart on the grill.

It is tempting to add some kind of fat — oil or butter — to the waffle iron or sandwich maker, but this is a mistake. My first version, of prosciutto, sheep's milk ricotta and marjoram with olive oil on the iron, turned out like a grease bomb. Simply put the sandwich on the press and toast it. Because there are often oils or fats in the filling, they steam and naturally moisten the bread as it heats.

It will take four or five minutes to toast a sandwich. You will begin to smell it when it's ready. And it will be very difficult not to dig right in as

soon as it's ready. Resist it if you can. The interior is often like lava.

Sweet panini are a touch cute. But the results, cute or not, were delicious. I sliced figs thickly and laid them out on sandwich bread. I heated orange-blossom honey and added freshly grated ginger, drizzling it over the figs. On the other half, I spread a thick layer of goat cheese. The honey and juices from the figs bled into the cheese in a wonderful way.

MIXED MUSHROOMS, SWEET ONIONS AND MOZZARELLA PANINI

1 large Spanish or Vidalia onion, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

3 tablespoons olive oil
Sea salt

3/4 pound mixed mushrooms (shiitake, oyster, morel, cremini, chanterelle), trimmed and cut into thick slices

Freshly ground black pepper
4 ciabatta rolls or 4-inch sections baguette

1 tablespoon aged sherry vinegar
8 thin slices fresh mozzarella cheese

1. Place sliced onions in a medium sauté pan and sprinkle with 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil. Place over low heat and cook very slowly, turning onions only once or twice, until very soft and sweet, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from heat and season lightly with salt.

2. Meanwhile, heat another sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil. When it shimmers, add the mushrooms. Sauté until lightly browned on edges and soft, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from heat and season to

taste with salt and pepper.

3. Heat a sandwich maker or ridged griddle to medium-high. Cut rolls in half and, if necessary, pull out a little bread from center, so there will be a more equal bread-to-filling ratio.

Scatter a small amount of onions on top half of each roll. Sprinkle with a little sherry vinegar. Scatter a single layer of mushrooms on the bottom half of each roll, and top each with two slices of mozzarella.

4. Press sandwiches together and press down on sandwiches firmly with your palm to compact ingredients. Place in sandwich maker or on griddle until toasted, 4 to 5 minutes. (If using a griddle, press sandwiches as they toast and turn once during cooking.) Serve hot.

Time: 50 minutes; makes 4 servings.

BLACK FOREST HAM, TOMATO AND LEMON MAYONNAISE PANINI

1/2 cup mayonnaise
Grated zest of 1 lemon

1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice or more as needed
8 slices country bread or Pullman sandwich bread

8 thin slices (or enough to cover four pieces of bread thinly) imported Black Forest ham or other smoked ham

2 ripe plum tomatoes, sliced crosswise into slices 1/8-inch thick

1. Place mayonnaise in a small bowl and whisk in lemon zest. Add lemon juice and taste; it should be quite lemony. Add more juice if needed.

2. Heat a sandwich maker or ridged griddle to medium-high. Spread lemon mayonnaise on slices of bread. Place a thin layer of ham

on four slices. Cover with amounts of tomato slices and remaining slices of bread.

3. Press down on sandwiches firmly with your palm to compact ingredients. Place in sandwich maker or on griddle until toasted, 4 to 5 minutes. (If using a griddle, press sandwiches as they toast and turn once during cooking.)

Time: 15 minutes; makes 4 servings.

PROSCIUTTO, MARJORAM SHEEP'S MILK RICOTTA PANINI

1/2 cup fresh ricotta
4 ciabatta rolls or 4-inch sections baguette

Freshly ground black pepper
4 thin slices prosciutto

1. Heat a sandwich maker or ridged griddle to medium-high. Cut rolls in half and, if necessary, pull out a little bread from center, so there will be a more equal bread-to-filling ratio.

Spread four tablespoons of ricotta on top half of each roll, and top each with two slices of prosciutto.

2. Press sandwiches together and press down on sandwiches firmly with your palm to compact ingredients. Place in sandwich maker or on griddle until toasted, 4 to 5 minutes. (If using a griddle, press sandwiches as they toast and turn once during cooking.)

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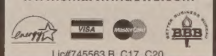
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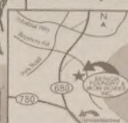
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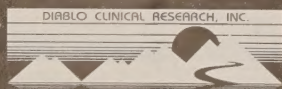
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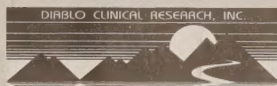
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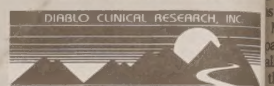
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